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Insurgents in East Ukraine Declare Independence

Pro-Russian gunmen and activists react while listening to a speaker as they declare independence for the Luhansk region in eastern Ukraine on Monday, May 12, 2014. Pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine declared independence Monday for the Donetsk and Luhansk regions following their contentious referendum ballot.

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Associated Press
DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** — Pro-Moscow insurgents in eastern Ukraine declared independence Monday and sought to join Russia, undermining upcoming presidential elections, strengthening the Kremlin's hand and putting pressure

ern Ukraine the way it annexed Crimea in March. Instead, Moscow is pushing to include eastern regions in negotiations on Ukraine's future — suggesting that Russia prefers a political rather than a military solution to its worst standoff with the West since the Cold War. Such talks are central to

by Swiss President Didier Burkhalter calls on all sides to refrain from violence and urges immediate amnesty, talks on decentralization and the status of the Russian language. That's a key complaint of insurgents who have seized power in eastern regions and clashed with government troops and police.

to hold a dialogue with Ukraine's east. But he gave no specifics and stopped short of addressing Sunday's referendum and the declarations of independence in the pro-Moscow regions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

"We would like to launch the broad national dialogue with the east, center, the west, and all of Ukraine," Yatsenyuk told a news conference in Brussels, adding that the agenda for talks should include changes to the constitution that would give more powers to the regions.

Ukraine's central government and the West say the Kremlin has encouraged weeks of unrest in eastern Ukraine in a possible attempt to grab more land. Russia says that's not so, and accuses the West of meddling in a region that Moscow sees as its backyard. The Ukrainian government's room to maneuver is shrinking.

With national presidential elections scheduled for May 25, the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk declared independence Monday, and those in Donetsk even asked to join enormous neighbor Russia instead. The sprawling areas along Russia's border, home to about 6.6 million people, form Ukraine's industrial heartland. □



Pro-Russian protesters listen to a guitar player whilst celebrating their declaring independence for the Luhansk region in eastern Ukraine Monday, May 12, 2014. Pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine declared independence Monday for the Donetsk and Luhansk regions following their contentious referendum ballot.

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

on Kiev to hold talks with the separatists following a referendum on self-rule. Russia signaled it has no intention of subsuming east-

a potential path toward peace outlined Monday by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The plan laid out

But it's up to the Ukrainian government to take the next step.

Acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk pledged

al-Qaida offshoot group criticizing leader al-Zawahri

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Associated Press
CAIRO (AP)** — The official spokesman of an al-Qaida-breakaway group has strongly criticized its parent organization's head, Ayman al-Zawahri, for siding with a rival jihadi group in Syria.

In an audio message posted on militant websites late Sunday, Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, spokesman of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, accused al-Zawahri of being responsible "for shedding Muslim blood" and urged him to step down for the election of another leader. The tone and level of criticism against al-Zawahri by a fellow jihadi were rare.

The crisis escalated after al-Zawahri recognized the Nusra Front as al-Qaida's official branch in Syria and urged the Islamic State's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, to withdraw his men from there.

He also ordered the establishment of an independent Islamic court to settle the issue, a move rejected by al-Baghdadi.

Al-Adnani considered the decision by al-Zawahri a "fatal mistake" that led to infighting between the two groups.

Over 3,000 have been killed in the fighting over the past months.

"We call on you to undo your fatal mistake ... because you are the one who kindled sedition, you are the one who will extinguish it," al-Adnani told al-Zawahri.

Al-Adnani urged the selection of a new al-Qaida leader.

"Isn't there any wise Muslim on earth to be chosen by Muslims as a leader... ending this fragmentation and discord?" he asked. "He would be the one to form this new court... this is the solution and there is no other one."

He also criticized al-Zawahri for not calling on Muslims "to fight against Egypt's renegade army, the army of el-Sissi the new pharaoh." □

Boko Haram demands release of fighters for girls

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Associated Press
LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — Under the guns of their captors, dozens of barefoot girls sat huddled together wearing gray Muslim veils as they chanted Quranic verses in Arabic. Some Christians among them said they had converted to Islam. "I swear to almighty Allah, you will not see them again until you release our brothers that you have captured," the leader of the Boko Haram terrorist network threatened, an assault rifle slung across his chest.

A video released by the group Monday offered the first public glimpse of what it claimed were some of the nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped a month ago. The girls' plight has spurred a global movement to secure their freedom. It is not known how many suspected Boko Haram members are detained by security forces. Hundreds were killed last month when leader Abubakar Shekau's fighters stormed the military's main northeastern barracks in Maiduguri, the terror group's birthplace and the headquarters of a year-old military state of emergency

to put down the 5-year-old Islamic uprising.

In the video, two of the girls were singled out for questioning.

"Why have you become a Muslim?" one girl, who looked to be in her early teens, was asked.

"The reason why I became a Muslim is because the path we are on is not the right path," the girl said, nervously shifting her body from side to side, her eyes darting back and forth.

"We should enter the right path so that Allah will be happy with us," added the girl, who said her name had been changed to Halima because she had

converted from Christianity to Islam. Like the other girls, she wore a bulky gray hijab that covered her body from head to toe, revealing only her face.

A second girl, who appeared to be in her mid-teens, was asked if she or any of the others had been mistreated. No, she said, adding that they had experienced nothing "except righteousness."

As the girls chanted Islamic verses, some clasped their hands together in what appeared to be the Christian style of prayer before quickly turning their palms upward, as Muslim worshippers do. □

A popular energy savings bill caught up in election politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — A widely popular, bipartisan energy savings bill is falling victim to election-year politics and the Obama administration's continued indecision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to the United States. The legislation would tighten efficiency guidelines for new federal buildings and provide tax incentives to make homes and commercial buildings more efficient. It easily cleared a procedural hurdle last week but is stalling now after Republican demand for votes on the pipeline and on new administration-proposed greenhouse-gas limits for coal-burning power plants. While Republicans are united in favor of the pipeline and against the new power plant regulations, Democrats are deeply divided on both. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, used a parliamentary maneuver to block them.

Reid said Monday that Republicans were "still seeking ransom" on the energy savings bill by insisting on the Keystone amendment and other votes. He said he had agreed to a long-standing request from pipeline supporters for a separate vote on the pipeline if its supporters would let the efficiency bill sail through unamended. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Republican leadership group called Reid's maneuver disappointing. "The Senate use to be a place of great debate and accomplishment. Now it is run like a dictatorship shutting out the voices of millions of Americans," he said. The political atmosphere leading up to congressional elections in November is behind the accusations from both sides. Democrats could lose their majority in the Senate in that vote.

Democrats said Republicans were unwilling to hand a victory on the energy efficiency bill to co-sponsor Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, who is facing a re-election challenge from Republican Scott Brown, a former Massachusetts senator who now lives in neighboring New Hampshire. Republican Sen. Rob Portman is co-sponsoring the energy legislation.

The Democrats also said the Republicans want to deny political cover to Sen. Mary Landrieu, who faces a tough re-election fight in Louisiana and to other Democrats in energy-producing states who have pushed for the pipeline's approval during their campaigns.

A Senate vote on the pipeline would help Landrieu and Democrats such as Mark Begich of Alaska, even if it fell short of the 60 votes needed to advance it. Obama delayed the project indefinitely last month, citing uncertainty over the pipeline's route through Nebraska. On the other side, Republicans accuse Democrats of dodging a vote on blocking the Obama administration's proposed limits on carbon pollution on coal-fired power plants. No matter the outcome, having to vote on what Republicans call President Barack Obama's "war on coal" would be uncomfortable for Democrats struggling to hold their Senate majority.

Republicans also wanted a vote on boosting exports of liquefied natural gas, another hot political issue. Lawmakers from both parties support increased gas exports, although 22 senators — mostly Democrats — wrote a letter to Obama last week warning that increased exports could lead to higher prices for consumers and possible shortages next winter.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Monday that Obama is committed to increasing energy security and efficiency and "will not rest even if Congress won't act." Obama announced a series of executive actions last week aimed at increasing energy efficiency and reducing U.S. reliance on carbon fuels.

They include the completion of energy efficiency standards for walk-in coolers and freezers typically used in grocery stores. □

At the White House: Obama meets with Uruguay's Mujica

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama lauded trade and commercial ties between the U.S. and Uruguay Monday during his meeting with the South American nation's president. Obama said his Oval Office discussions with President Jose Mujica were "an opportunity to find ways that we can further deepen this relationship."

"We both think that there's room for additional work to expand trade and commerce between our countries," he said.

Obama added that he has been "consistently impressed" with the progress Uruguay has made since Mujica took office in 2010, particularly his commitment to democracy and human rights.

Mujica rarely dons a tie and

made no exception for his visit to the White House. The former guerrilla fighter has also garnered attention for driving an old Volkswagen Beetle and continuing to live on a ramshackle flower farm with his wife.

The 78-year-old Mujica said he wished he could visit other places in the United States during his trip, but is growing old and does not travel much anymore. □



President Barack Obama speaks during a press availability with Uruguay's President Jose Mujica in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, May 12, 2014. (AP Photo)

Officials: 2nd US case of MERS reported

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials have confirmed a second U.S. case of a mysterious virus that has sickened hundreds in the Middle East, a resident of Saudi Arabia, visiting Florida, who is now in a hospital.

He was diagnosed with MERS, or Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, Sunday night. It is a respiratory illness that begins with flu-like fever and cough but can lead to shortness of breath, pneumonia and death.

The U.S. cases so far have not been severe. The first case, a man in Indiana, was released from a hospital late last week. And this latest patient is doing well, officials said.

MERS belongs to the coronavirus family that includes the common cold and SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which caused some 800 deaths globally in 2003.

The two cases are not linked, said officials with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during a news conference Monday.

"The risk to the public remains very low," said the CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat. CDC officials repeated that cases are not unexpected.

MERS is a respiratory illness that begins with flu-like fever and cough but can lead to shortness of breath, pneumonia and death.

Most cases have been in Saudi Arabia or elsewhere in the Middle East. But earlier this month a first U.S. case was diagnosed in a man who traveled from Saudi Arabia to Indiana.

That man, an American, was a health-care worker at a hospital in Saudi Arabia's capital city who flew to the United States on April 24 on a plane that originated in Riyadh, stopped in

London and then landed in Chicago. After landing in the United States, the man took a bus to Indiana where he became sick and went to a hospital on April 28.

He improved and was released from a Munster hospital on Friday. Tests of people who were around the man have all proved negative, health officials have said.

Health officials now must track down fellow travelers who were around the newest case, and this time it will be more challenging: There were more flights involved.

This man also was a health-care worker; he worked in a hospital where MERS cases were being treated, the CDC said. He traveled on May 1 on flights from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, first to London, then to Boston, then to Atlanta, and finally to Orlando. □

Boehner says he's nudged Jeb Bush on presidency

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The top Republican in Congress has delivered the strongest hints about his preference for the White House. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said Monday that he's "nudged" former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to seek the party's nomination for president in 2016. Bush is the former Florida governor, brother to President George W. Bush and son of President George H.W. Bush. If he decides to run, a possible showdown looms with another familiar name — Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former first lady and secretary of state and now a favored hopeful of Democrats. Various potential Republican candidates are still jockeying for position with

a long two years remaining before 2016, and Boehner cautioned that the talk was a bit premature, but didn't shy from praising Bush. "Jeb Bush is my friend. I think he'd make a great president. I've nudged him for some time," Boehner told the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Republican Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates along with a number of Republican governors. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, an early favorite, faces multiple investigations in a political retribution probe. Bush, who speaks Spanish and is married to a Mexican-born wife, has

prompted questions about his viability as a potential presidential contender by speaking with compassion for immigrants in the U.S. illegally. He sparked a conservative furor earlier this month when he described illegal immigration in an interview as an "act of love" by people trying to provide for their families. He said immigrants who enter the country illegally should pay a penalty, but he added that he viewed such a violation as "a different kind of crime." His views on immigration would likely put him at odds with conservative activists who influence the primary process that will decide the Republican presidential nominee. However, Hispanics have become a crucial voting



House Speaker John Boehner speaks Monday May 12, 2014 at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio. Boehner was in town for a conversation with Texas Tribune Editor-in-Chief Evan Smith while on a fundraising trip in Texas. Boehner said that he's "nudged" former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2016. (AP Photo/John Davenport)

bloc from Florida to Colorado to Nevada and other battleground states that decide the state-by-state race for the White House. Bush enjoys the support of some of the Republican Party's most powerful insiders and financiers, who are hoping the party can rebound from candidate Mitt Romney's damaging rhetoric in 2012, when he spoke of "self-deportation" as a solution to America's immigration issue. As a scion of one of America's most famous political dynasties, Bush could both benefit from and struggle under its weight. His grandfather was a senator from Connecticut, while his father, George H.W. Bush, was elected to one term in 1988; his brother, George W. Bush, served two presidential terms beginning in 2001. The family's vast fundraising network and political connections, in addition to Jeb Bush's own donors and advisers, could be formidable. And Jeb Bush remains a favorite on Wall Street, as senior adviser at the financial firm

Barclays. But his older brother's presidency, fraught with two long wars and the U.S. economy's near collapse, still looms. Even former first lady Barbara Bush has spoken of Bush fatigue, saying, "If we can't find more than two or three families to run for high office, that's silly." Bush briefly considered a presidential campaign in 2012 but declined to run. He has said he'll decide by the end of the year whether to run. He has traveled to some battleground states and in March flew to Las Vegas in to meet party super donor Sheldon Adelson and address senior members of the Republican Jewish Coalition at Adelson's company airport hangar. In this year's midterm congressional elections, Republicans are expected to keep control of the House and have a legitimate shot at seizing the majority in the Senate. Boehner said he expects to keep his leadership position in 2015 but stopped short of committing to serving out a full 13th term in Congress. □

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Gay couples line up for Arkansas marriage licenses

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Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)

— Dozens of gay couples received licenses to marry in Arkansas on Monday while lawyers for the state asked its highest court to suspend a ruling that brought gay marriage to America's conservative Bible Belt. Some of the couples waited in line overnight for their licenses, three days after a judge ruled that Arkansas' voter-approved ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, who recently said he supported gay marriage but believes it is his duty to defend the ban, filed paperwork Monday morning formally asking the state Supreme Court to temporarily set aside Judge Chris Piazza's ruling. Shelly Butler, 51, and Susan Barr, 48, of Dallas, Texas, were the first to receive a license at the courthouse in the state capital, Little Rock. The two have been together since they met at Southern Arkansas University in 1985. "When we heard the news in Arkansas, we had to jump in the car to get here," Butler said shortly

before receiving the license. "I'm just excited to marry my best friend of almost 30 years, finally."

The U.S. Supreme Court

but momentum has swung toward gay marriage ever since.

Using language similar to that from the Supreme

became the first state to recognize gay marriage in 2004.

Gay marriage is legal in 17 states and the Washing-

appeals. Judges have ordered Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

Piazza issued his ruling after business hours closed Friday and did not issue a stay, so 75 county clerks in Arkansas were left to decide for themselves whether to grant marriage licenses to gay couples.

On Saturday, 15 same-sex couples obtained marriage licenses in the left-leaning tourist town of Eureka Springs. Other Arkansas counties have refused to issue same-sex marriage licenses, saying the Arkansas Supreme Court must weigh in. In Fayetteville, the home of the University of Arkansas, clerks issued 23 licenses to same-sex couples Monday morning and one to a heterosexual couple. The women who work in the office used White-Out to correct the documents' formatting where necessary.

"On our licenses, it automatically prints 'Mr.' and I told the girls just to change that to 'Ms.'" clerk Becky Lewallen said. □



Andria Stock, left, and Chantel Jandak, of Jacksonport, laugh together as they are married by Joey Cole, center, in the rotunda of the Pulaski County Courthouse in Little Rock, Ark. Monday May 12, 2014. (AP Photo/Stephen B. Thornton)

last year ruled that a law forbidding the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages was unconstitutional. That ruling stopped short of declaring same-sex marriage legal across the country,

Court, state and federal judges nationwide have struck down some same-sex marriage bans that were enacted in many states after Massachusetts

ton capital district. Federal judges have ruled against marriage bans in Michigan, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Texas, though stays have been issued pending

Opponent of Clay Aiken in primary dies in accident

ASHEBORO, North Carolina

(AP) — A U.S. textile entrepreneur locked in a too-close-to-call Democratic

Party primary with former "American Idol" singer Clay Aiken has died.

The president of the company founded by 71-year-old Keith Crisco says Crisco died at home on Monday after an accident. AEC Narrow Fabrics President Robert Lawson says Crisco's son notified company employees of the death.

There were less than 400 votes separating Crisco and Aiken after Tuesday's Democratic primary contest in the Republican-leaning 2nd Congressional District. Aiken had been in the lead. The winner faces Republican incumbent Renee Ellmers in November. Crisco had been North Carolina's top business recruiter for four years under former Gov. Beverly Perdue, who left office in 2013. □

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NYPD to stop seizing sex work suspects' condoms

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Police Department will no longer confiscate unused condoms from suspected sex workers to be used as evidence of prostitution, ending a longstanding practice that had been criticized by civil rights groups for undermining efforts to combat AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. Under the new policy announced Monday, officers may continue to seize condoms as evidence in sex-trafficking and promo-

tion of prostitution cases, but they will not use them in support of prostitution cases. Critics had said the previous policy amounted to police harassment, and noted that New York City spends more than \$1 million a year to distribute free condoms. "The NYPD heard from community health advocates and took a serious look at making changes to our current policy as it relates to our broader public safety mission," Police Commissioner William Brat-

ton said in announcing the new policy. For decades, police in New York and elsewhere had confiscated condoms from sex work suspects ostensibly for them to be used as evidence in criminal trials, even though the overwhelming majority of prostitution cases never go to trial. "A policy that inhibits people from safe sex is a mistake and dangerous," Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday at an unrelated event in Queens. "And there are a number of ways

you can go about putting together evidence" without condoms, he said. Civil rights groups and advocates for sex workers and gay, lesbian and transgender young people commended the department's new policy, but want a ban on the use of condoms as evidence in sex trafficking and promotion of prostitution cases too. They argue that even under the new policy police may continue to seize condoms from sex workers and teen runaways under

the pretense of investigating pimps and traffickers, and that traffickers could punish sex workers who carry condoms because they fear they'll be used against them. "This is a step in the right direction but it doesn't go far enough and creates a loophole big enough to drive a truck through," said Andrea Ritchie, a coordinator at Streetwise and Safe, a New York City-based group that has long opposed the department's previous policy. □

Texas set for first execution since botched case

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas will carry out on Tuesday the first U.S. execution since a botched lethal injection in Oklahoma last month unless attorneys for a man convicted of murdering a bank teller can convince a court that he runs the same risk of the punishment going awry. Attorneys for Texas condemned killer Robert Campbell cited in their appeal the Oklahoma case of Clayton Lockett, who died of an apparent heart attack on April 29 after Oklahoma prison officials stopped his execution. Oklahoma has agreed to a six-month stay of execution for another inmate while the state conducts an investigation of the death of Lockett, who began writhing, clenching his teeth and straining to lift his head after he was injected with lethal drugs last month. The blinds were eventually lowered to prevent viewing of the death chamber. It could take at least two months for a complete autopsy report to be received, Oklahoma officials said Monday. Campbell's attorneys — citing the Oklahoma case that President Barack Obama called "inhuman" — renewed arguments raised earlier in Texas that secrecy over the source of the pentobarbital drug to be used could mean that Campbell is subjected to unconstitu-

tional pain and suffering. "Frighteningly, Texas is pursuing the path of secrecy in the midst of these deeply troubling events, and even in the immediate wake of events in Oklahoma," said Maurie Levin, Campbell's lead attorney in a federal civil rights suit. "Information

ried out three executions with the new drug supply and courts already had ruled the process was acceptable, the state said. The Texas procedures are "vastly different from the situation in Oklahoma in which an admittedly new protocol was used," said

Campbell's appeal on the secrecy issue, saying his hands were tied because of rulings from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in previous cases. But U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison urged the 5th Circuit to reconsider the issue because it seemed to "shield

Campbell's civil rights lawsuit joined another appeal Monday in the 5th Circuit that contended Campbell was mentally impaired, making him ineligible for execution under U.S. Supreme Court rulings. Campbell, 41, was convicted of capital murder for the January 1991 slaying of a 20-year-old Houston bank teller, Alexandra Rendon, who was abducted while putting gas into her car, robbed, raped and shot. A companion of Campbell's, Leroy Lewis, pleaded guilty, received 35 years in prison and is now on parole. Campbell was 18 at the time of the slaying and on parole after serving four months of a five-year sentence for robbery. "I can't imagine her last moments," Rendon's cousin, Israel Santana, said last week. "She had no chance. Think about what hell she endured ... the agony she had to go through." Campbell would be the eighth inmate executed in Texas so far this year. Even before the Oklahoma problems, questions about execution procedures had drawn renewed attention from defense attorneys and death penalty opponents in recent months. States have scrambled to find new sources of execution drugs after several drugmakers, including many based in Europe, refused to sell their products for use in executions. □



Inmates tend the grounds under the supervision of a guard at the Texas State Penitentiary in Huntsville, Texas. After a recent bungled Oklahoma execution, lawyers of Texas death row inmate Robert James Campbell at the facility are trying to stop his walk to the death chamber. (Michael Stravato/The New York Times)

about the source of lethal injection drugs — particularly in today's fraught arena — is vital." Attorneys for the state of Texas disputed Levin's arguments, saying they were "speculative" and did not demonstrate a significant risk of pain. Texas was not using a new method of execution and did not employ the three-drug procedure used in Oklahoma, they said. Texas had car-

Ellen Stewart-Klein, an assistant attorney general. If Campbell's execution proceeds it would be the fourth in recent weeks in Texas to use a lethal dose of pentobarbital obtained from a compounding pharmacy prison officials have refused to identify. Three previous executions were carried out without incident. A federal judge in Houston last week rejected

crucial elements of the execution process from open inquiry." Texas obtained a new execution drug supply and invoked secrecy in late March as a previous stock was reaching its expiration date. The confidentiality was necessary to keep the provider, a compounding pharmacy, from threats of violence from death penalty opponents, prison officials said.

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US Financial Front:

America on track for narrowest budget gap since 2008

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government ran a big surplus in April, thanks to a flood of tax payments that helped keep the budget

surplus totaled \$106.9 billion, down slightly from last April's \$112.9 billion surplus. The government typically runs a surplus during April, when individual tax returns

months of the 2014 budget year, which began Oct. 1, the deficit totals \$306.4 billion. That's down 37 percent from the same period last year.

be the narrowest gap since 2008.

In 2008, the government recorded a deficit of \$458.6 billion, which was the deficit up to that time. But that record was soon eclipsed as the government ran annual deficits surpassing \$1 trillion for the next four years. Those deficits reflected a deep recession. The downturn reduced tax revenue and increased government spending to stabilize the financial system and pay benefits for people who had lost jobs. So far this budget year, revenue totals \$1.74 trillion, up 8.2 percent from the same period in 2013. Revenue has been boosted by a stronger economy, which means more people working and paying taxes, thereby reducing the deficit.

Government spending totals \$1.6 trillion, down 8.2 percent from a year ago. The decline reflects efforts by Congress and the administration to trim spending. After peaking at \$1.4 trillion in 2009, the deficit has

been falling. Last year, it dropped to \$680.2 billion.

Over the next decade, CBO is projecting that the deficits will total \$7.6 trillion, \$286 billion less than it projected in February. The biggest factor in the improvement is \$165 billion less in projected spending on health insurance subsidies for policies sold through exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act. Those policies are proving less costly than CBO originally thought, mainly because of tighter management of treatment options.

The CBO is forecasting that the deficit will fall to \$469 billion in 2015 before rising again and topping \$1 trillion annually starting in 2023. The increases will be driven by spending on the government's major benefit programs, including Social Security and Medicare, as baby boomers retire.

Republicans have accused Obama of failing to propose significant cost-cutting measures to reduce soaring entitlement costs. □



A statue of former Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin stands outside the Treasury Building in Washington. The Treasury Department reported positive news on the federal budget picture for April and for the fiscal year thus far on Monday, May 12, 2014.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

on track for the lowest annual deficit in six years. The Treasury Department said Monday that April's

are due and corporations make quarterly tax payments. Through the first seven

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting a deficit of \$492 billion for the full budget year. That would

US revising Internet rules after backlash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler is broadening the scope of his proposed open Internet rules and suggesting tougher standards for Internet providers who wish to create paid priority fast lanes on their networks. According to an FCC official, Wheeler made revisions after the commission received 35,000 public comments — many of them expressing outrage. The FCC first briefed reporters on the proposed rules last month. Wheeler, a Democrat, also

tweaked his proposal after the five-member commission's two other Democrats expressed concern. "The new draft clearly reflects public input the commission has received," the FCC official said in a statement. "The draft is explicit that the goal is to find the best approach to ensure the Internet remains open and prevent any practices that threaten it." Among the additions is a provision that would "presume" it to be illegal for an Internet provider to prioritize the traffic of an affiliated service — for example, it would be considered illegal

if Comcast Corp. tried to give faster treatment to video streams of its subsidiary network, NBC. However, an Internet service provider would be allowed to challenge that "presumption," the official said. In the revised proposal, Wheeler also seeks comment on the possibility of treating broadband providers as so-called "common carriers" like telephone companies, which are subject to greater regulation than Internet providers, under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. □

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Godzilla proves even giant monsters need lawyers

The Associated Press

He spews radioactive fire, razes cities and pummels creatures from Earth and beyond, but even Godzilla needs a good lawyer sometimes. After all, you don't survive 60 years in the movie business without taking some fights to court. For decades, attorneys acting on behalf of Godzilla's owners, Tokyo-based Toho Co. Ltd., have amassed a string of victories, fighting counterfeiters and business titans such as Comcast and Honda along the way. The opponents have come from all corners of pop culture: TV commercials, video games, rap music and even the liquor industry. The litigation has kept Godzilla's brand thriving and helped pave the way for commercial and merchandising tie-ins that will accompany the monster's return to the big screen on Friday after a 10 year hiatus. Godzilla's image is for sale, but permission is needed. Toho's attorneys use copyright and trademark law as effectively as Godzilla uses his tail and claws to topple buildings and swat opponents. Their court injunctions have

permanently whacked music, books and movies from store shelves.

Since the mid-1980s, Chuck Shephard of the Los Angeles law firm of Greenberg

called Cabzilla that resulted in a winemaker being forced to dump its stock of Cabernet Sauvignon down the drain.

"Godzilla is just as pro-

used Godzilla's theme music and a two-foot-tall dog toy called Tuffzilla.

"Toho is not out there to extract a pound of flesh," Moss said. "They need to

States. That's made him an attractive spokesmonster.

He's appeared in ads for Snickers candy bars, Nike shoes, Doritos chips, as well as in marketing for the original "Simcity" computer game, Honda minivans, and Subway's "Five Dollar Footlong" specials. Yet those last three uses weren't properly licensed and prompted Toho to sue. Godzilla's appearance in the 1991 Rose Parade sparked Toho's first court fight with Honda. Decked out in a tuxedo and top hat, American Honda's float was engineered to make it look like Godzilla was traipsing down the street.

The next day, Toho called Shephard. Godzilla's image hadn't been licensed for the float, and the ensuing lawsuit lasted more than a year before Godzilla finally prevailed. Honda denied that their float depicted Godzilla, despite advertisements and a memo about the float describing the creature by name.

It was one of many cases that featured what Moss calls "the dinosaur defense."

Defendants sometimes claim their products aren't Godzilla, but simply dinosaurs. It's a dubious argument, Moss said, because the products often feature a spiky spine similar to Godzilla's, or depict the creature in a cityscape. Godzilla may munch on cities, but dinosaurs didn't.

"It just doesn't work," Moss said. "Why does it breathe fire and stomp on cities?" Godzilla has suffered one notable loss. In 1981 — before Shephard's firm was involved — a federal appeals court dismissed a lawsuit by Toho against Sears Roebuck & Co. filed over a line of trash bags the retailer had named "Bagzilla."

The bag's use of a Godzilla-esque creature represented a "humorous caricature" and not a serious threat to Toho's business interests, the court ruled. One ongoing fight for Godzilla's lawyers is against a Louisiana brewery, which is being sued over its Mechahopzilla beer line. □



Entertainment and intellectual property litigation attorney Aaron Moss of Greenberg Glusker shows a licensed, original Godzilla Imperial product at his Century City office in Los Angeles. He spews radioactive fire, razes cities and pummels creatures from Earth and beyond, but even Godzilla sometimes needs a good lawyer.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

Glusker has been Godzilla's lead lawyer, filing suits like the one against a wine

tected as Mickey Mouse," said Shephard in a recent interview. Toho's lucrative licensing efforts, which include endorsements, toys, comic books, video games and even official wine and sake brands, require the company to be vigilant against copycats, he said. Since 1991, Toho's attorneys have filed at least 32 copyright and trademark lawsuits and countless warning letters, gaining court injunctions in a quarter of the cases. Most others have resulted in settlement agreements that while confidential, result in products disappearing from the marketplace.

Since the late 1990s, Shephard has worked Toho cases with attorney Aaron Moss, whose high-end Century City office is cluttered with a mix of legal filings and official and unofficial Godzilla merchandise.

Some of the spoils of court victories include a now out-of-circulation copy of rapper Pharoshe Monch's 1999 album that improperly

protect their brand."

Both attorneys said they carefully evaluate when to file lawsuits, and Toho trusts their judgment. Litigation often starts with a cease-and-desist letter, and a company's reaction to it often determines whether the case escalates, they said.

"When you have something as famous as Barbie or as Godzilla, you're well-served to protect that," said Larry Iser, a partner at the Santa Monica, California-based firm Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert.

Iser represents toy maker Mattel and noted that trademarks for some popular products such as the trampoline and escalator have fallen into the public domain, making them easier and cheaper for companies to copy.

But Godzilla's trademarks could last forever if they're properly handled, Iser said. Godzilla debuted in Japan in the 1954 hit film "Gojira" but has proven to be just as popular in the United

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APNewsBreak: UN's nuclear probe of Iran falters

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — A once-promising U.N. attempt to probe suspicions that Tehran worked on atomic arms is faltering — and with it, hopes that Iran and six world powers can meet their July target date for an overarching nuclear deal. With efforts to draft the text of an agreement starting in Vienna on Wednesday, both sides say that meeting the informal July 20 deadline remains possible. The U.S. administration gives it a 50-50 chance, and Iranian Foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif recently said the talks are progressing at an “unexpectedly fast pace.”

The United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany want to reduce Iran's present nuclear weapons-making potential. Tehran has been engaging with them over the past six months in exchange for full sanctions relief, even though it insists it has no interest in such arms.

But the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency is no nearer to closing the books on persistent allegations that Iran worked on nuclear arms in the past.

While the IAEA's probe is formally separate from the talks, the U.S. and its allies insist that Tehran must provide satisfactory explanations to the U.N. agency as part of any overall deal.

As part of an evolving November agreement Tehran agreed three months ago to go into deeper explanations of its work on detonators that have a variety of uses, including sparking a nuclear explosion.

That has not happened. Three diplomats told The Associated Press Monday that in a recent formal response, Iran continues to insist that there is no nuclear link to the detonators. Tehran says they were developed only to set off conventional military blasts, and later for civilian uses.

The IAEA outlined its suspicions in a 2011 report on a wide range of suspected weapons experiments. It said then that Iran's work on the detonators is of concern, “given their possible application in a nuclear explosive device, and the fact that there are limited civilian and conventional military applications for such technology.”

Agreed on after Iran's reformist government took office, the Iran-IAEA deal



Iran's President Hassan Rouhani speaks to a group of medical and nuclear experts in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, May 11, 2014. Rouhani said Sunday his country has nothing to offer except transparency in nuclear talks with world powers, rebuffing hard-liners as negotiators seek a final deal over the Islamic Republic's contested program.

(AP Photo/M. Berno)

was seen as important for testing Tehran's professed willingness to de-escalate tensions over its nuclear program.

The U.N. agency and its western members had hoped the agreement would finally mean Iran would crack open the door on what they say was secret nuclear weapons work.

But Tehran's latest response suggests it is not ready to change its stance.

The IAEA first approached

Iran about the detonators six years ago. When told of their latest response, Olli Heinonen, who headed the agency's Iran investigation until 2010, said it was “pretty much how they explained it in 2008.”

With the clock ticking down on the informal July comprehensive deal target, IAEA chief Yukiya Amano was pushing ahead on the probe nonetheless.

Two of the diplomats said senior agency officials met Monday with Iranian rep-

resentatives in attempts to persuade Tehran to engage on three additional areas of suspected weapons work even as they sought more answers on the detonators.

The diplomats are involved with international efforts to track and curb Iran's nuclear program. They did not detail what those new areas could be and demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge confidential information. □

Report: Vietnam, Chinese ships fired water cannons

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Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A Vietnamese patrol boat and several Chinese vessels blasted each other with water cannons Monday near an oil rig recently positioned by Beijing in disputed waters, Vietnamese state media reported, in the latest incident in a dangerous standoff between the two nations.

The Tuoi Tre newspaper said it was the first time that Vietnamese vessels have responded to aggressive Chinese actions close to the deep sea rig, which was positioned May 1 in an area of the South China Sea claimed by Beijing and Hanoi.

Both sides have accused

the other of ramming ships. Vietnam has presented a video showing Chinese ships hitting its vessels.

In Washington, Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday the U.S. and other nations involved in navigating in the South and East China Seas were deeply concerned about the “aggressive” Chinese action.

“We want to see a code of conduct,

we want to see this resolved peacefully through the law of the sea, through arbitration, through any other means but not direct confrontation and aggressive action,” Kerry said before a meeting at the State Department with Singapore's Foreign Minister K. Shanmugam. □

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Egypt's el-Sissi makes rare plea to youth

SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's former military chief made a rare appeal Monday to the country's youth who were behind calls for regime change since 2011, trying to win support among a key bloc in this month's presidential election that he admitted he is struggling to reach.

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, seen as certain to become Egypt's next president in the May 26-27 vote, has been taken to task, even by supporters, for failing to reach out to the large youth vote. Many youth groups have been critical of the military's management of the transition following the ouster of Hosni Mubarak in 2011 — and the subsequent crackdown on dissent after el-Sissi's ouster last summer of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.



Egyptian women speak near a campaign billboard of presidential hopeful Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, in Cairo, Egypt. Arabic on the billboard reads, "Viva Egypt, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi presidential candidate, star symbol." (AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

In his comments Monday during an interview with Sky News Arabia — he gave a

nod to revolutionary youth groups, but also underlined his message that Egypt now

needs stability — which he has repeatedly said means an end to protests.

"They must be sure they are hugely appreciated not only by me. But I can't get it to them frankly," he said when asked about the youth. He called their role in bringing about change "unforgettable."

"But the circumstances are hard for all of us. Recognize this, and stand by Egypt now and in the future," he said. He said he wants the youth groups to prepare to be future leaders, adding that if elected he would offer them positions as aides to governors, ministers and himself — though made no mention of naming them as actual ministers.

Since removing Morsi, el-Sissi has rode a wave of nationalist fervor praising him as a savior for removing Islamists from office, after many complained they were monopolizing power and seeking to change the country's identity. □

Taliban wage deadly attacks in 3 Afghan provinces

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KABUL, Afghanistan - On the first day of their "spring

offensive," the Taliban mounted attacks in three provinces that killed at least 11 people on Monday. In a

fourth province, the families of two would-be suicide bombers turned them in to the police, helping to fore-

stall what would have probably been another attack. The attacks were a reminder that as the last of the Western troops withdraw in the coming months, the Afghan forces will be in an unrelenting fight just to hold ground. And it raised the prospect of intensified violence in the coming weeks during the runoff phase of the Afghan presidential election, which the Taliban vowed to disrupt.

In a report on the Taliban insurgency released Monday, the International Crisis Group forecast "escalating violence and insurgent attacks" after U.S. and allied troops complete their withdrawal this year.

The report noted that the Taliban had been able to muster larger forces, and that in some areas the insurgents and the Afghan security forces were inflicting nearly equal casualties on each other, in another suggestion of increased insurgent strength. One attack Monday hit just as people were settling in to work at the Justice Ministry's provincial offices in Jalalabad, according to people in the

area. Three men wearing suicide vests and armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades killed the two police guards at the building's entrance and stormed in. In the course of the battle with the Afghan security forces, which lasted four to five hours, three civil servants were killed, along with a student and a third member of the security forces. The lasting effect of the attack will be felt for months, because a part of the building caught fire and the ministry's paper records were reduced to ashes, said Col. Abdul Rafi Oruzgani, the head of Nangahar province's police criminal division. The Taliban, in a statement they emailed to journalists announcing their spring offensive, said that only two fighters were involved in the Jalalabad attack, but the Afghan police said there were three.

In an attack in Helmand province, the Taliban appear to have infiltrated a team of police in Sangin district, an area where the Afghan forces have been struggling to keep the insurgency at bay. □

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High cost, corruption claims mar Brazil World Cup

BRADLEY BROOKS
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — The cost of building Brasilia's World Cup stadium has nearly tripled to \$900 million in public funds, largely due to allegedly fraudulent billing, government auditors say. The spike in costs has made it the world's second-most expensive soccer arena, even though the city has no major professional team.

Now, an Associated Press analysis of data from Brazil's top electoral court shows skyrocketing campaign contributions by companies that have won the most World Cup projects. The lead builder of Brasilia's stadium increased its political donations 500-fold in the most recent election. The links between construction firms and politicians add to suspicions that preparations for soccer's premier event are marred by corruption. They also raise questions about how politicians who benefit from construction firms' largesse can be effective watchdogs over billion-dollar World Cup contracts.

"These donations are making corruption in this country even worse and making it increasingly difficult to fight," said Renato Rainha, an arbiter at Brasilia's Audit Court, which is investigating the Brasilia stadium spending. "These politicians are working for those who financed campaigns." Brasilia's arena will now cost around \$900 million, auditors say. They found \$275 million in alleged price-gouging — and have only examined three-fourths of the project.

Federal prosecutors say as yet no individuals or companies face corruption charges related to World Cup works. There are at

least a dozen separate federal investigations into World Cup spending. Funding for Brasilia's stadium relies solely on financing from the federal district's coffers, meaning every cent comes from taxpayers.

The auditors' report found instances of what appears to be flagrant overpricing. For instance, it says the transportation of prefabricated grandstands was supposed to cost just \$4,700, but the construction consortium billed the government \$1.5 million. The consortium is made up of Andrade Gutierrez, a construction conglomerate, and Via Engenharia, an engineering firm.

The steel to build the arena represented one-fifth of total expenses — and auditors say wasteful cutting practices or poor planning added \$28 million in costs, the single biggest overrun. The audit questions why the consortium had to discard 12 percent of its steel in Brasilia when Andrade Gutierrez, using the same cutting methods, lost just 5 percent of steel at another stadium in Manaus and virtually none at a Cup arena in the city of Cuiaba.

Andrade Gutierrez did not respond to an AP request for comment on the accusations of cost overruns. It noted its political donations were legal.

But Claudio Monteiro, the head of the government's World Cup committee in Brasilia responsible for oversight, said the audit court's allegations are simply wrong and that all the spending would be justified.

He asked why the report came out so close to the start of the tournament. "That's why I say they're trying to spoil the party,"

Monteiro said from his office outside the stadium.

But suspicions abound in Brazil, where in a poll last year three-fourths of respondents said the World

Cup construction has been infused with corruption. That helped fuel widespread, often violent, anti-government protests last June that sent more than a million Brazilians into the street. Many protesters railed against corruption and the billions spent to host the Cup.

Andrade Gutierrez, which

was awarded stakes in contracts totaling nearly one-fourth of the Cup's total price tag, contributed \$73,180 in 2008 municipal elections. □



This photo shows a view of the Mané Garrincha stadium, in Brasilia, Brazil. No World Cup project has been as criticized as Brasilia's stadium. It's the only arena of the 12 being built or renovated that's not using financing from the national development bank. Every cent of the \$900 million price tag comes from the coffers of Brasilia's government. It's that type of spending that helped send enraged Brazilians into the streets for massive anti-government protests last year, demonstrations that erupted around FIFA's Confederations Cup soccer tournament.

(AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

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The overall price of the 12 stadiums has jumped to \$4.2 billion in nominal terms, nearly four times the estimate in a 2007 FIFA document published just days before Brazil was awarded the tournament. At the time, leaders also promised the stadiums would be privately funded.

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President tells China to get used to slower growth

BEIJING (AP) — China's president has told the country to get used to slower growth, damping expectations of a new stimulus.

President Xi Jinping's weekend comments come amid weakening trade and manufacturing. Economic growth slowed in the latest quarter to 7.4 percent after last year's full-year expansion of 7.7 percent tied 2012 for the weakest performance since 1999. "We must boost our confidence, adapt to the new normal condition

based on the characteristics of China's economic growth in the current phase and stay cool-minded," Xi said, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

The ruling Communist Party is trying to steer the economy to self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption instead of trade and investment.

Other leaders have ruled out more stimulus, but unexpectedly weak demand for Chinese exports has forced Beijing to backtrack and

launch mini-stimulus efforts last year and in March. Official plans call for annual trade growth of 7.5 percent but so far this year total imports and exports are down by 0.5 percent.

Analysts say the ruling party appears willing to accept economic growth below its 7.5 percent target this year so long as the rate of creation of new jobs stays high enough to avoid political tensions.

Speaking during a visit to the central province of Henan, Xi said Sat-

urday the government will focus on longer-term reforms aimed at stabilizing growth. China needs to prevent risks and "take timely countermeasures to reduce potential negative effects," Xi said. He said Beijing will focus on longer-term reforms aimed at stabilizing growth.

"This is the clearest sign I have seen that a broad-based monetary stimulus to elevate that current slowdown will not eventuate," said Evan Lucas of IG Markets in a report. □

UK company to track planes after Malaysian loss

LONDON (AP) — Inmarsat Plc, a provider of global mobile satellite communications services, said it will offer free basic tracking services for planes flying over oceans in the hope of preventing another incident such as the loss of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

The British company said Monday that the service is being offered to all 11,000 commercial passenger aircraft already equipped with an Inmarsat satellite connection — most of the world's long-haul commercial fleet. "This offer responsibly, quickly and at little or no cost to the industry, addresses in part the problem brought to light by the recent tragic events around MH370," said Inmarsat CEO Rupert Pearce. The Boeing 777 with 239 people on board was en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur on March 8 when it disappeared. The plane automatically sent signals to a satellite belonging to Inmarsat after the plane's transponder and its communication systems had shut down — but researchers were unable to find the plane before the batteries in the black box flight recorder shut down. Malaysia's government said the plane's last position was in the middle of the Indian Ocean, west of Perth, and that the flight ended there. It has not been found. Inmarsat Plc, which made its offer ahead of a conference in Canada on aircraft tracking, said it anticipated the adoption of further safety measures following the loss of MH370. The International Civil Aviation Organization, the UN agency that governs civil, held a special meeting Monday in Montreal to look at the global tracking of airline flights. ICAO was expected to come up with a number of recommendations by the end of its meeting on Tuesday. Inmarsat Plc said it would also offer both an enhanced position reporting facility and a 'black box in the cloud' service that would stream historic and real-time flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder information when a plane deviates from its course. These would not be free. □

Italian factory makes bad mozzarella, 13 arrests

ROME (AP) — Police in Italy have shut down a mozzarella factory and arrested 13 people after finding that prized local buffalo milk was being cut with cheaper imported cow milk.

Authorities also found that the cheese, produced near the southern town of Caserta, contained as much as 20 times permissible levels of bacteria, said Carabinieri Police Maj. Alfonso Pannone.

Police on Monday also shut down seven stores selling the cheese in the Campania region which includes Naples.

Milky white buffalo mozzarella is prized by Italians and tourists. It carries a special label supposed to guarantee quality and protect its reputation.



Buffalo mozzarella cheese is prepared at a dairy in Caserta, near Naples, southern Italy. Police in Italy have shut down a mozzarella factory and arrested 13 people after finding that prized local buffalo milk was being cut with cheaper imported cow milk. (AP Photo/Franco Castano')

Among those arrested were two public health service veterinarians who

allegedly tipped the factory to upcoming inspections. The probe began

after a worker lost some of his fingers because of safety flaws. □

Bermuda report urges easing marijuana laws

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — A report commissioned by the government of Bermuda has endorsed legalizing marijuana for medical purposes and decriminalizing personal use of the drug.

The report from the Cannabis Reform Collaborative, which began reviewing drug laws in the British island territory in December, concluded that prosecutions for non-violent offenses related to marijuana are overwhelming the

criminal justice system and disproportionately target non-white and immigrant populations.

It calls for phasing out penalties for marijuana possession toward eventual legalization for people 21 and older, and raising the drinking age from 18 to 21 so the two substances are treated the same.

The report finds that marijuana is "gaining global prominence" as a medicinal substance and it calls on the government to im-

mediately allow its use with a prescription.

National Security Minister Michael Dunkley submitted the report from the Cannabis Reform Collaborative on Friday to the National Assembly and urged legislators to consider its recommendations. Dunkley said any changes to marijuana laws in the British territory would be made only in a "measured fashion."

Bermuda, an offshore financial center with a population of about 65,000, is

a socially conservative society, but Stratton Hatfield, the chairman of the Cannabis Reform Collaborative, said he believes there is strong public support for change to drug laws in place since 1972.

"There's no doubt that the world recognizes that our approach to drug demand and supply reduction has failed," he said in an interview Monday. "The war on drugs has done nothing but cripple the communities." □



A Mellow Night for Mothers at Paseo Herencia Mall



mothers found the special show delightful, and without a doubt, some romantic embers were enflamed by the program. Families were able to treat mom to a full evening of dinner at any of the mall's fine restaurants, from TGI Friday fare, pizza at Pizzio or hefty Mexican mixed platters at Iguana Joe's to gourmet grilled kebabs at Che Argentine steak spot.



PALM BEACH - Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach takes pride in making international and local holidays special for its visitors, particularly one like Mother's Day. The shopping/entertainment center happens to also be the home of "O" Restaurant, of which a partner is one of the island's most charming vocalists, Edjean Semeleer,

and for a day honoring mom's, he was only too happy to provide some mellow music during a free show in the Plaza Padu. Edjean's repertoire is international; accompanied by accomplished guitarist Jerry Diaz, they provided a full hour of favorites in three languages to an entranced audience. Whether moms hailed from Aruba, the U.S. or Latin America, they were treated



Followed by a terrific free show and the famous "Waltzing Waters" display, all moms present gave their stamp of approval, declaring a night at Paseo Herencia was the perfect way to end Mother's Day. □



to a song that tugged at the heartstrings and filled many of the audience with nostalgia for the great ballads. Edjean admits he would have "fit right in with an era past," and is a great fan of Frank Sinatra, among others. The rousing applause he received from the packed amphitheater demonstrated he hit just the right tone with his selection of songs. Even those who were not



Cultural gem 'Rondom Oranje' exhibit opens in Apeldoorn



ORANJESTAD/APELDOORN

- The sixth of May, mr. John Berends, mayor of Apeldoorn, opened the exhibition 'Rondom Oranje' in the exhibition space of the City Hall, with an overwhelming public interest, music, and consumption. The great collection of artwork Art Promotion International foundation disposes of, is actually being exhibited in the exhibition space of the



Town Hall of Apeldoorn. The exposition is part of the official celebration of 200 years Kingdom in Apeldoorn as a cooperation between Art Promotion International Foundation (API), the Royal Apeldoorn foundation and the City Hall of Apeldoorn. Rondom Oranje is about ten artists from all parts of our Kingdom; recognized individualists and/or very talented, showing collectively work from abstract to realistic and also photography dedicated or inspired by our Kingdom, as a symbol of union between people of different

precedence and nature in the Dutch Kingdom. Everybody is welcome to this special exhibition, dedicated to our Kingdom, in the Town Hall of Apeldoorn, until the 23th of May. After short introductions of president of Royal Apeldoorn foundation Cor Visser and president of Art Promotion International, Tonnis Wieringa, the exhibition was officially opened by mayor John Berends of Apeldoorn. In his speech the Mayor of Apeldoorn considered the intention of API to show this exhibition not only in Holland, but also to share 'Ron-



dom Oranje' with the public in the Caribbean part of our Kingdom a fantastic idea. Half of the artists participating in Rondom Oranje, come from the Caribbean part of our Kingdom. Curator of 'Rondom Oranje' and artistic adviser of API, the well-known Aruban artist Gustave Nouel, hopes to get the necessary political support in the Caribbean part of our Kingdom, for this exhibition, dedicated to our Kingdom.

The Municipality of Apeldoorn received as part of the official opening, a beautiful glass object of Bikkel, who is representing Curacao in Rondom Oranje. After this all other participants got the opportunity

to hand in a promotional way (for the press) anything to the Mayor of Apeldoorn, in front of their work. The Arubian painter, Gustave Nouel, handed his famous calendar 'Monarchs of Orange', with images of his paintings inspired by all Dutch king and queens, not only to the Mayor of Apeldoorn, but also to the minister R. Candelaria of Curaçao, who was present at the opening. All parts of the Kingdom who might be interested in this travelling exhibition, related to their celebration of 300 years of the Dutch Kingdom in 2014/2015, is very welcome to make contact with API foundation at: secretariaat2012@gmail.com. □

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Martin Kaymer of Germany, shows his ball on the second green during the final round of The Players championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Sunday, May 11, 2014 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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Kaymer wins big event by looking at big picture

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — Martin Kaymer reached the top of golf and wondered how he got there.

He won his first major at the 2010 PGA Championship. He reached No. 1 in the world six months later. And then he realized his game would not be good enough to stay there.

Kaymer wasn't much different from Tiger Woods, who overhauled his swing not long after a record-setting performance in the 1997 Masters.

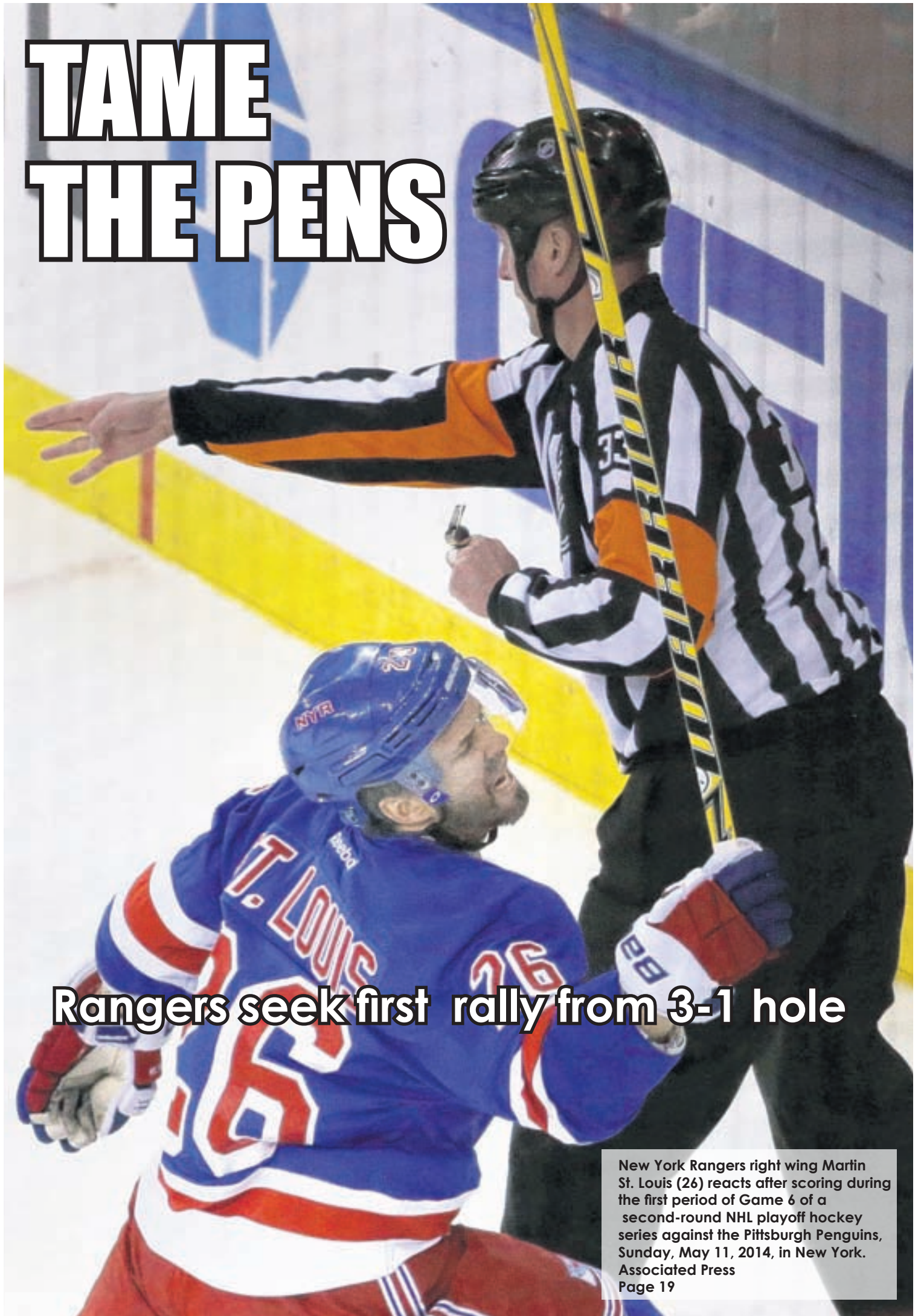
Kaymer was concerned about being a one-dimensional player — his primary shot was a fade — especially if he wanted to contend at Augusta National and other majors.

He just didn't realize it would take this long.

Halfway through his victory at The Players Championship, he thought back to the time he put in on his game.

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TAME THE PENS



Rangers seek first rally from 3-1 hole

New York Rangers right wing Martin St. Louis (26) reacts after scoring during the first period of Game 6 of a second-round NHL playoff hockey series against the Pittsburgh Penguins, Sunday, May 11, 2014, in New York. Associated Press
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Dimitrov overcomes sweaty hands to advance in Rome

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Grigor Dimitrov overcame a slow start and sweaty hands to beat 45th-ranked Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Italian Open on Monday.

The 14th-ranked Dimitrov, a Bulgarian who at 22 is the youngest player in the top 20, did not take well to the red-and-white towels at the Foro Italico.

"They're new and they don't absorb any sweat," he said. "Three or four times I was about to lose my racket. I asked several times (for all-white towels) but they told me, 'We don't have it.'"

Dimitrov will next face big-serving Ivo Karlovic, who beat Spanish qualifier Pablo Carreno Busta 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

In an upset, 13th-seeded



Venus Williams of the United States serves the ball to Annika Beck of Germany at the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome, Monday, May 12, 2014.

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Fabio Fognini, the top Italian hope, was handily beaten by 56th-ranked Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-2.

Also, 11th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga saved two set points in the second set be-

fore eliminating Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 6-3, 7-6 (5).

In women's play, Sam Stosur beat Wimbledon runner-up Sabine Lisicki 6-3, 6-3; 11th-seeded Ana Ivanovic defeated Italian wild-

card entry Karin Knapp 6-1, 6-1; 12th-seeded Flavia Pennetta got past Yvonne Meusburger of Austria, 6-2, 6-3; and 16th-seeded American Sloane Stephens rallied past Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Also, 1999 champion Venus Williams cruised past Annika Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-1; and local favorite Francesca Schiavone of Italy eliminated 17th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard 6-4, 6-2. The eight top-seeded players have first-round byes. Second-ranked Novak Djokovic is back after withdrawing from last week's Madrid Open with a right wrist injury and Roger Federer was out on the practice courts after also taking last week off to welcome the birth of his second set of twins.

Top-ranked and defending champion Serena Williams,

however, wouldn't commit to playing as she waits to see how her injured left thigh feels.

"I'm taking it a day at a time. We'll see as the week goes on. I have the rest of the day off and I'll see how I feel tomorrow," Serena said. "I hit some balls today a little bit so I'm going to see later tonight how it feels." Serena withdrew before her quarterfinal match in Madrid, where she had her thigh heavily bandaged and said the injury occurred during a first-round victory over Belinda Bencic. One of the only top players not in Rome was Kei Nishikori of Japan, who retired midway through Sunday's Madrid final against Rafael Nadal citing a lower back and hip injury. Rome is the last key clay-court warmup before the French Open starts in two weeks. □

Kaymer

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"All that work, all the hours," Kaymer said. "When you are standing on the range for six, seven hours, hitting the same shot, the same drill, you feel like it should be enough. You just don't want to be there at one stage because it's so much. And it's a little boring as well. But you know long term, it will become something good."

It paid off in a big way last week at The Players, the next best thing to a major. The 29-year-old German tied the course record with a 63 on Thursday and was never behind after any round the rest of the way. His biggest challenge Sunday was when he had to return from a 90-minute storm delay and finish four holes in which he had everything to lose.

Even with a double bogey that cut his lead to one shot, he didn't feel as if the tournament were slipping away.

About the only thing that annoyed him was that "soft egg" moment to the

left the green on the par-5 16th. Kaymer had spoken all week about being confident enough in his swing to stop thinking about the mechanics and to start playing by feel. He talked about hitting the right shot — the brave shot — not the easy one.

He kept using the word, "wimp," until he jokingly was asked the German word for it.

"Weiches ei," he replied in his native language. And then he offered that polite smile and added the English translation. "It's 'soft egg.'"

Instead of chipping on the 16th, Kaymer decided to use a putter. He didn't hit it nearly hard enough, so instead of having a good chance at birdie, he had to two-putt from over 30 feet just to make par and keep his one-shot lead.

He wound up with one of the craziest pars ever on the island green at the par-3 17th, which ended with a 30-foot putt that broke some 8 feet to the right. And he collected the crystal trophy, along with the \$1.8 million check from the richest purse on the PGA



Martin Kaymer of Germany, holds The Players championship trophy at TPC Sawgrass, Sunday, May 11, 2014 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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Tour.

But that wimpy decision on the 16th gnawed at him even in victory. He wants perfection.

"It's not the right thing to putt it. It's a soft egg," he said. "The swing is all good. I'm happy the way that it works out and the way I go. Everything is fine, and I'm really happy about this. But those things ... on 16, I was not true to myself, and that's painful. It really is. Because it's just not right."

"You can think, 'I won the golf tournament. I should

be happy,'" he said. "And I'm very, very happy about this. But those are things I would like to improve for the future."

His future again looks bright. Kaymer now has won 14 times around the world. Even as he was retooling his swing with longtime coach Gunter Kessler, he managed to win a World Golf Championship in Shanghai by closing with a 63. Having barely made a Ryder Cup team in 2012 when Europe would have been better off without him

because of his form, Kaymer still had enough left to beat Steve Stricker in the match that assured Europe would keep the cup.

And he won at the end of last year in South Africa. But it means more to have beaten one of the strongest fields in golf, and to have conquered a course on the TPC Sawgrass that punishes the slightest mistake.

Kaymer never really flinched all week. He put his name out front and stayed there. Darren Clarke noticed it in the second round. Kaymer didn't hit it his best that day, but he scored. That's the golf Clarke remembered.

"He's a proper golfer this one," Clarke said. "He's a finely tuned engineer." Perhaps he is ready to take his place among the best in the game. The major season is just getting started.

"Now it's important that you don't stop," he said. "It's very easy to just be happy now, relax and let things happen. But now it's a time we have to work even harder." □

Rangers look to pull off comeback against Pens

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The New York Rangers have momentum, a unified locker room and Henrik Lundqvist.

The Pittsburgh Penguins have two of the world's best players and a coach who could be needing a win to keep his job.

No pressure or anything, just a Game 7 that could alter the long-term future of one of the NHL's most stable franchises and boost the immediate prospects of an emotionally charged group rallying around one of the game's most respected veterans.

Looking overmatched and overwhelmed while falling behind 3-1 to the Penguins four games into the Eastern Conference semifinals, it's the Rangers who head to Game 7 on Tuesday night looking like the team ready to move on.

Martin St. Louis, just days removed from the death of his mother, scored the first of New York's three goals in Game 6 to provide the jolt that carried the Rangers all the way back from the brink.

The way St. Louis figures it, he is simply repaying the guys in a dressing room he's still learning after arriving in New York after a trade with Tampa Bay in February.

"I think when something like that happens to one person to see the support

you get from everybody else, it really makes it real," he said. "There's not phoniness about the family feeling you want to create."

It's a feeling that ebbs and flows in Pittsburgh.

Dominant and disruptive to start the series, the Penguins have spent the last six periods giving New York every reason to believe it can rally from a 3-1 deficit for the first time in franchise history.

Center Sidney Crosby has just one goal in 12 games. The power play — which tied with Washington for the league's best in the regular season — has converted just one of its past 19 chances.

And now coach Dan Bylsma finds himself 60 minutes away from either taking the Penguins back to the conference finals for the third time in six years or possibly looking for work.

Not that Bylsma is ready to talk about the big picture yet. The task at hand is worrisome enough.

"These are the ones you dream about playing," Bylsma said. "This is one we're going to remember."

The memories haven't been kind to the Penguins in deciding games on home ice. Pittsburgh is just 2-6 at home in Game 7s in franchise history, including losses to Montreal in 2010 and Tampa Bay three



New York Rangers left wing Carl Hagelin (62) celebrates his goal with teammates Kevin Klein (8), John Moore (17), Brad Richards (19), and Mats Zuccarello during the first period of Game 6 of a second-round NHL playoff hockey series against the Pittsburgh Penguins, Sunday, May 11, 2014, in New York.

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years ago.

The Penguins played the entire series against the Lightning without Crosby or Evgeni Malkin, who sat out with injuries. Both have been healthy this time around, skating alongside each other in the hopes they'll provide offense. Only Malkin, who has six goals in 13 games, has delivered.

Though Crosby ended a 13-game playoff goal drought in Game 3, he spent as much time in Game 6 jawing with the Rangers and getting water squirted on him by Lundqvist as he did

trying to become the magnetic force that can sometimes change the course of a game with his will.

Crosby insists he is healthy even while averaging just .75 points per game during the postseason, well below his career playoff average of 1.28. The league's leading scorer received a pep talk from Penguins co-owner and Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux in the aftermath of Game 6. Having a quick chat is nothing new for Crosby and his mentor.

"He definitely has a pretty good understanding of dealing with the pressure,"

Crosby said.

So does Lundqvist.

The goaltender thrives when the pressure is its highest.

He was New York's best player early in the series, the main reason 3-2, 2-0 and 3-0 losses didn't look worse.

When it looked as if the Rangers were out of it after falling behind 3-1, he responded by stopping 67 of the next 69 shots he faced and is 9-2 with a 1.35 goals-against average with the Rangers facing elimination. The three-time All-Star is 4-1 in Game 7s. □

Russia routs U.S. 6-1 at ice hockey worlds

KAREL JANICEK
Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Viktor Tikhonov scored twice and Alex Ovechkin added a goal and two assists Monday as Russia routed the United States 6-1 for its third straight victory at the ice hockey world championships. In the day's other big matchup, Canada downed the Czech Republic 4-3.

Nikolai Kolyomin opened the scoring for Russia and Alex Ovechkin beat veteran goaltender Tim Thomas

with backhand on a penalty shot in the first period for his third goal of the tournament. Ovechkin set up both of Tikhonov's goals in the second, with Yevgeni Kuznetsov and Sergei Plotnikov also scoring for Russia. "We're a good team, we have a good atmosphere in the dressing room," Kolyomin said. "Everybody's ready to work hard and do his best for the team."

Justin Abdelkader pulled one back for the U.S. to make it 3-1.

"We've got to learn from

this game, hopefully be a better team," Abdelkader said. "It's a good learning experience for us to learn to see how a team plays, like Russia. Russia is a really good team. Their goalie played tremendous for them." The Americans outshot Russia 40-23 but 19-year-old rookie goalie Andrei Vasilevski made 39 saves. Russia leads Group G with nine points from three games, while the U.S. has six.

Earlier, France overcame Slovakia 5-3 for another up-



USA defender Jake Gardiner, right, and forward Peter Mueller react after the Group B preliminary round match between Russia and USA at the Ice Hockey World Championship in Minsk, Belarus, Monday, May 12, 2014.

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set victory and host Belarus stunned Switzerland 4-3.

Canada took control with three second-period goals through Kyle Turris, Nathan

MacKinnon and Morgan Rielly — the last two on power plays in a 17-second span — having trailed 1-0. □

Giants top Dodgers after Romo blows save

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pablo Sandoval and Hector Sanchez hit RBI singles in the 10th inning as the San Francisco Giants recovered to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-4 Sunday after closer Sergio Romo gave up a tying homer to Hanley Ramirez.

NL Capsules

Brandon Hicks hit a two-run shot off Clayton Kershaw, and Buster Posey had an RBI single for the NL West leaders, who beat the defending division champions for the seventh time in 10 meetings this season. The Giants finished their road trip 7-3 and played errorless ball over the last five games.

Romo (3-0) came on in the ninth to try and protect a 4-2 lead for Tim Hudson. The right-hander struck out Yasiel Puig after a one-out double by Dee Gordon, but Ramirez lined his fifth homer to left field. The blown save was Romo's first this season in 13 chances. Angel Pagan drew a leadoff walk in the 10th from Kenley Jansen (0-2) before Hunter Pence singled. Jean Machi got three outs for his first major league save.

REDS 4, ROCKIES 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Aroldis



San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval hits a single to score Angel Pagan in the tenth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday, May 11, 2014, in Los Angeles. The Giants won 7-4 in 10 innings.

Associated Press

Chapman made his first major league appearance since being hit above the eye by a line drive during spring training, striking out the side in the ninth inning with his 100 mph (161 kph) fastball to close out Cincinnati's victory over Colorado.

Todd Frazier hit his second 400-foot home run in three days to back Homer Bailey (3-2) as the Reds won the rubber match of the three-game series.

Chapman was greeted by a standing ovation from the crowd of 33,143. He reached 100 mph with his first pitch and topped out at 102 mph in earning the save. Chapman had been out since a frightening injury March 19.

Skip Schumaker drove in two runs and the Reds capitalized on two throwing errors to send the Rockies to their third loss in four games. Charlie Blackmon hit his ninth homer for Colo-

rado.

Bailey allowed four hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Juan Nicasio (4-2) gave up four runs — two earned — in six innings.

BRAVES 5, CUBS 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Evan Gattis hit a tiebreaking homer and Jason Heyward added a two-run shot as Atlanta beat Chicago to complete a three-game sweep.

Gattis gave the Braves a 3-2 advantage with his homer off Edwin Jackson in

the fourth inning. Heyward added to the lead with his first home run since April 9.

Aaron Harang (4-3) gave up two runs in six innings with nine strikeouts. David Carpenter pitched the ninth for his second save as closer Craig Kimbrel was rested after pitching two straight days.

Jackson (2-3) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. The NL East-leading Braves have recovered from seven straight losses by winning four of five. The Cubs, last in the NL Central, have dropped seven of eight.

METS 5, PHILLIES 4, 11 INNING
NEW YORK (AP) — Daniel Murphy and the New York Mets suddenly rallied for three runs in the ninth inning against Philadelphia's improvised bullpen, then ended a five-game losing streak off Ruben Tejada's single in the 11th.

Down 4-1, the punchless Mets fought back in the ninth, sparked by Murphy's two-run homer off Antonio Bastardo. Chris Young ended his 0-for-18 slump with a double, and Juan Lagares drove in the tying run with a slow grounder against Roberto Hernandez — who started Friday night and threw 99 pitches. □



In this May 3, 2013, file photo, Miami Dolphins' Don Jones runs during NFL football rookie minicamp in Davie, Fla.

Associated Press

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MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins safety Don Jones has been fined an undisclosed amount and will undergo

educational training after sending a negative tweet about Michael Sam, the first openly gay player to be selected in the NFL draft.

Jones fined after sending tweet about Michael Sam

Shortly after the St. Louis Rams took Sam in the seventh round Saturday, Jones tweeted "OMG" and "Horrible." The tweets were taken down a short time later. Jones apologized for his comments Sunday and described them as inappropriate. The Dolphins said Jones has been excused from all team activities until he completes training related to his comments.

"We were disappointed to read Don's tweets," coach Joe Philbin said in a statement. "They were inappropriate and unacceptable, and we regret the negative

impact these comments had on such an important weekend for the NFL. We met with Don today about respect, discrimination and judgment. These comments are not consistent with the values and standards of our program." The Dolphins reacted swiftly to Jones' comments in the wake of the team's bullying scandal last year, which embarrassed the NFL and prompted a nationwide debate about workplace harassment.

Jones said he regretted that his tweets took away from Sam's "draft mo-

ment."

"I remember last year when I was drafted in the seventh round, and all of the emotions and happiness I felt when I received the call that gave me an opportunity to play for an NFL team, and I wish him all the best in his NFL career," Jones said in a statement. "I am committed to represent the values of the Miami Dolphins organization, and appreciate the opportunity I have been given to do so going forward."

Jones' agent, Chris Martin, could not be reached Sunday for comment. □



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George's 39 lead Pacers past Wiz 95-92; 3-1 lead

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Paul George forced Indiana Pacers coach Frank Vogel to leave him on the court. George took - and made - the key shots, to the tune of a career playoff-high 39 points. He grabbed rebounds, 12 in all. He guarded the Wizards' most dangerous scorer. When there was a loose ball, it was George diving to the floor to collect it. In sum, the tireless George willed the up-and-down Pacers within one victory of a return trip to the Eastern Conference finals, playing every second of the final three quarters as Indiana erased a 19-point deficit to beat Washington 95-92 Sunday night.

"I kept wanting to try to get him a rest, and he kept saying, 'No,'" Vogel said. "And usually I'll override that, but he kept making big shots, too."

Roy Hibbert had 17 points and nine rebounds, continuing his recent surge after a poor-as-can-be, zero-point, zero-rebound showing in Game 1. He responded with 28 points in

Game 2, then 14 in Game 3, before helping Indiana win its third consecutive game Sunday, when Hibbert said he got a motivational boost from what he called a heckling fan.

"He woke me up," Hibbert said. "He said I was tired. He was saying a lot of obscenities. I'm a God-fearing man, so I'm not going to go ahead and say what he was saying."

After dropping Game 1, the Pacers have won three in a row to go up 3-1 and can close out the best-of-seven series at home Tuesday night. Only eight teams in NBA history have blown that lead. "We've got a chance to make something happen," said Washington's Bradley Beal, who was hounded at the defensive end by George and worked hard to get his 20 points.

Beal might be right, but Washington better figure out how to limit George, who averaged 14.5 points in Games 1 and 2, but ramped that up with 23 Friday.

And he was not about to let Vogel put him on the sideline down the stretch

Sunday.

In all, George played 46 minutes, and he scored 28 points after halftime.

"I already had it in my head that I was pretty much going to go the whole distance," George said. "There was a moment where I was pretty gassed, but that second wind kicked in."

The Wizards were up 17 at halftime, then made it 57-38 on Nene's basket to open the third quarter.

But Washington showed a propensity this season for blowing double-digit leads - the Wizards lost 11 games after being up by at least 10 points - and again fell apart.

"We never panicked," Pacers forward David West said. George's 3 with 5 1/2 minutes left made it 85-79, and another 30 seconds later made it 85-82, giving him seven from beyond the arc, matching a franchise postseason mark held by Reggie Miller and Chuck Person.

George also helped the Pacers limit the Wizards to one field goal over the final 7 1/2 minutes.

John Wall gave Washing-



Indiana Pacers forward Paul George (24) shoots between Washington Wizards forward Nene from Brazil (42) and Washington Wizards forward Drew Gooden during the second half of Game 4 of an Eastern Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff game in Washington, Sunday, May 11, 2014.

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Cavaliers fire coach Mike Brown - again

CLEVELAND (AP) - Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert felt he made a big mistake when he fired Mike Brown as his coach in 2010.

That didn't stop him from doing it again.

Brown's second shot with the Cavs ended Monday after one just one season as Gilbert dismissed the only Cleveland coach who has ever made it to the

NBA finals.

Brown had been re-hired last April by Gilbert, who regretted dismissing him four years earlier. While the Cavs' record improved and they made strides defensively under Brown this season, the club missed the playoffs again and Gilbert decided it was time to make another change.

"This is a very tough business," Gilbert said in a

statement. "It pains all of us here that we needed to make the difficult decision of releasing Mike Brown. Mike worked hard over this last season to move our team in the right direction. Although, there was some progress from our finish over the few prior seasons, we believe we need to head in a different direction. We wish Mike and his family nothing but the best."

ton its last lead at 91-90 with about 2 minutes to go. George pushed Indiana back in front with two foul shots, and the Pacers forced a shot-clock violation. Hibbert made a 12-foot turnaround hook shot with 1:02 remaining to put the Pacers up 94-91, and sprinted down the court, his arms spread, his smile wide. Left all alone, Wall passed up an open 3-pointer, instead sending the ball to Beal, who missed a 3 try with under 50 seconds left. "That's what the play was for, and I made the right decision," Wall said.

The Pacers are playing much more like the team that pushed the Miami Heat to seven games in last

season's conference finals, and the one that earned the No. 1 seeding by going 46-13 at the start of this season. They're looking less like the bunch that went 10-13 down the stretch this year, then needed seven games to sneak past Atlanta in the first round.

"We go through ups and downs, and highs and lows," said Hibbert, who scored two points before halftime, 15 after.

What's clear is this: When Paul is at his best, the Pacers are, too.

"Paul is Paul. You know that you're going to get 150 percent every time he's on the court," Hill said. "He knows he's the go-to guy on this team."

Nishikori is 1st Japanese man to break into top 10

TOKYO (AP) — Kei Nishikori became the first Japanese man to break into the top 10 of the world tennis rankings on Monday.

Nishikori, who is No. 9, was assured of a place in the top 10 after beating Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Madrid Open.

"It was a big goal for me to get top 10, but it's just only one week for now," Nishikori said on the ATP website. "So I have to keep playing better tennis and keep this ranking. My goal is not to get one time into the top 10. Hopefully I can keep this ranking."

The 24-year-old Nishikori beat David Ferrer 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-3 in the semifinals in Madrid before retiring from Sunday's final with a hip injury when trailing Rafael Nadal 2-6, 6-4, 3-0.

Nishikori, who went into the Madrid Open at No. 12,



Kei Nishikori from Japan returns the ball during his Madrid Open tennis tournament final match against Rafael Nadal from Spain in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, May 11, 2014.

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had previously reached a career-high of No. 11 in June 2013.

The Japanese player beat Santiago Giraldo 6-2, 6-2 to win the Barcelona Open on April 27 for his fifth ca-

reer title and his second of the year.

Nishikori becomes the first Asian to rank inside the top 10 since Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand did so on March 29, 2004. □

Brooks, Chandler, Yedlin on preliminary U.S. roster



In a Nov. 19, 2013, file photo US national soccer team player John Brooks is seen during the friendly soccer match between Austria and United States in Vienna, Austria.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In a sign that Jurgen Klinsmann is unsettled on his defense a month before the World Cup, the U.S. coach se-

lected the mostly untested trio of John Brooks, Timmy Chandler and DeAndre Yedlin on Monday for his 30-man preliminary squad for Brazil 2014.

Chandler, a speedy right back with Nuremberg in Germany, made his U.S. debut in 2011 and balked at playing in 2012 qualifiers. He has not played for the U.S. since February 2013, when he made his first competitive appearance at Honduras in the opening match of the final round of qualifying.

"I think he's a player who can make a difference if he's on his highest level," Klinsmann said.

Yedlin, a 20-year-old right back, has made just two international appearances, as a late second-half substitute in friendlies against South Korea and Mexico. Brooks, a 21-year-old central defender, made his international debut in August and has just three appearances — all in international friendlies.

Klinsmann also selected 18-year-old winger Julian Green, who broke into the national squad last month. "We have two huge talents," Klinsmann said of Green and Yedlin.

"It will be interesting to see now how they take that challenge because, obviously, they don't have the experience like other players have." Klinsmann omitted several veterans, including Eddie Johnson and Sacha Kljestan. He selected 11 defenders, 10 midfielders and six forwards for a two-week training camp in California, where he will decide on his final 23.

"There is going to be a lot of competition. That's why Jurgen is bringing in 30 rather than cutting it down to 23 right away," said defender Michael Parkhurst, who joined the Columbus Crew this season after an unsuccessful stint in Germany. "I don't know going into camp right now if I'm fighting for left back or right back." □



Bradley Wiggins of Team SKY crosses the finish line to win first place in the individual time trial during the Amgen Tour of California second stage in Folsom, Calif., on Monday, May 12, 2014.

Associated Press

FOLSOM, California (AP) — British rider Bradley Wiggins, the 2012 Tour de France winner and Olympic time trial gold medalist, powered to a 44-second victory in the Stage 2 individual time trial Monday to take the race lead at the Tour of California.

Wiggins (SKY), the 98th rider

in the field of 128, completed the flat 12.5-mile (20-kilometer) course in 23 minutes and 18 seconds at an average speed of 32 mph (51.5 kph).

Australia's Rohan Dennis (Garmin-Sharp) was second in 24:02, with American Taylor Phinney (BMC) third in 24:10.

Wiggins leads Tour of California

Wiggins leads the eight-day race by 44 seconds over Dennis and 52 seconds over Phinney.

"I'm in really good shape," Wiggins said.

"I'm a bit ahead of where I was in 2012 for the Tour de France. "So far, so good. You have to plan your races and so far it's been better than I planned."

Alison Powers of the United States (UnitedHealthcare) claimed the earlier 20-rider women's time trial, held on the same course, in 27:40. Mark Cavendish of Britain (Omega Pharma Quick-Step),

who held the first-day lead after his sprint win in Stage 1, finished 27th in Stage 2. Phinney, who was a co-favorite in the stage, fell behind quickly at the halfway time check and couldn't make up time.

"I thought I could have done better, but I not really a hot weather rider," Phinney said. "But I did the best as I could and that's what it is all about. So I have to be satisfied."

Wiggins hadn't ridden in the Tour of California since 2008. But instead of racing in the Giro d'Italia, Wiggins focused on the U.S. event in the preparation for the Tour de France.

"It was a really fast course," Wiggins said. "I take it one day at a time. It will be a tough day tomorrow in the heat."

The eight-day race continues Tuesday with the 108.5-mile (174.5-kilometer) San Jose to Mt. Diablo road race.

The estimated 720-mile (1160-kilometer) event continues through Sunday in Thousand Oaks. □

Apple CEO dares to be different from Steve Jobs

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

"Think different" became Apple's creed during the late Steve Jobs' reign as CEO. Now, chief executive Tim Cook is embracing the idea while making decisions that would have seemed crazy to his fabled predecessor.

Apple's pending purchase of headphone maker and streaming music company Beats Electronics for \$3.2 billion is just the latest example of Cook's deviation from Jobs, who had so much confidence in his company's innovative powers that he saw little sense in spending large amounts of money on acquisitions.

Cook became chief executive in late August 2011, roughly six weeks before Jobs died. But in a number of ways, he is just beginning to put his own imprint on Apple. Cook is straying from Jobs' cash-hoarding habits by committing to return \$130 billion to shareholders through dividends and stock buy-backs. He has orchestrated a company stock split and agreed to match employees' charitable contributions up to \$10,000 annually. Under Cook's leadership, Apple also has displayed more social responsibility by working to improve labor conditions in the overseas factories that assemble its devices and taking steps to reduce pollution caused by its data centers and gadgets.

The shift in management philosophy has resulted in an odd twist: Apple Inc.'s pace of innovation has slowed and it now looks more like a conventional company than the corporate rebel Jobs tried to cultivate. Instead of releasing revolutionary gadgets such as the iPod, iPhone and iPad, Apple has been mostly upgrading existing products and figuring out ways to manage its bulging bank account since Cook took over.

"Jobs wanted Cook to step out and be different," says longtime technology



In this Oct. 22, 2013 file photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPad Air in San Francisco. Apple's potential purchase of headphone maker Beats Electronics for \$3.2 billion is just the latest example of how much Cook has deviated from Steve Jobs, who had so much confidence in his company's innovative powers that he saw little sense in spending a lot of money on acquisitions.

Associated Press.

analyst Rob Enderle. "But I think he wanted (Cook) to do the things that were central to the business, not things that Jobs thought were stupid."

Cook has repeatedly sought to assure investors and customers that Apple remains focused on inventing "insanely great" products, even though the company's last breakthrough, the iPad, came out in April 2010 — 18 months before Jobs died of cancer. In the meantime, a host of technology companies have forged ahead with wearable devices, including Google Glass and Samsung's line of Gear smartwatches. Also stealing the innovation spotlight: Internet connected housewares and appliances like the Nest thermostat, whose maker was founded by former Apple designer, Tony Fadell. Google purchased Nest for \$3.2 billion in January.

"We've got some great things that we're working on that I'm very, very proud of and very, very excited about," Cook told analysts in a conference call last month. "But, for us, we care about every detail and when you care about every detail and getting it

right, it takes a bit longer to do that and that's always been the case."

After pointing out that there were other digital music players, smartphones and tablet computers before Apple redefined those

markets with its devices, Cook said something that sounded like an echo of Jobs: "It means much more to us to get it right than to be first." Wall Street is still taking a wait-and-see attitude with Cook. Apple's

stock ended last week at \$585.24, well below its peak of \$705.07 reached in September 2012, but still a 56 percent gain since Cook became CEO. That's just slightly behind the 60 percent increase in the Standard & Poor's 500 index during the same period. Although Cook has given few clues about the breakthrough products Apple is working on, recent industry speculation has focused on the possibility of an Internet-connected watch, a suite of mobile applications for managing personal health, a digital wallet and a system that would make it easier to toggle between traditional television and Internet video programs. A new iPhone with a larger display screen is also expected in August or September.

"We have not seen any dramatic product changes to suggest Apple has evolved a lot from where it was three to five years ago, but it sure feels like the company is pregnant and we will soon know a lot more," says Forrester Research analyst Frank Gillett. □

U.S. revising Internet rules after public backlash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler is broadening the scope of his proposed open Internet rules and suggesting tougher standards for Internet providers who wish to create paid priority fast lanes on their networks.

According to an FCC official, Wheeler made revisions after the commission received 35,000 public comments — many of them expressing outrage. The FCC first briefed reporters on the proposed rules last month.

Wheeler, a Democrat, also tweaked his proposal after the five-member commission's two other Democrats expressed concern.

"The new draft clearly reflects public input the com-

mission has received," the FCC official said in a statement. "The draft is explicit that the goal is to find the best approach to ensure the Internet remains open and prevent any practices that threaten it."

Among the additions is a provision that would "presume" it to be illegal for an Internet provider to prioritize the traffic of an affiliated service — for example, it would be considered illegal if Comcast Corp. tried to give faster treatment to video streams of its subsidiary network, NBC.

However, an Internet service provider would be allowed to challenge that "presumption," the official said.

In the revised proposal, Wheeler also seeks com-

ment on the possibility of treating broadband providers as so-called "common carriers" like telephone companies, which are subject to greater regulation than Internet providers, under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

The FCC and Wheeler have so far avoided subjecting cable and telecoms companies to Title II treatment, although Wheeler has said the option remains on the table.

In the new proposal, he entertains more discussion on it than his initial proposal did. The proposal also asks whether all paid-priority fast lanes should be banned outright. The previous version only asks if some paid-priority services should be banned. □

Wall Street enjoys another record-level day

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market returned to record levels on Monday as investors regained their appetite for riskier stocks. After beating down Internet and small companies

for two months, investors decided that those stocks had fallen enough. Among the big gainers were Twitter and Facebook, which had plunged in March and April. The Russell 2000, an index made up of small companies, climbed the

most in two months. Investors have been more cautious this year than last. They've favored big, less volatile stocks that pay rich dividends because of concerns about the outlook for the economy. Utility and energy companies have

been among the beneficiaries of this trend, and have outperformed the overall market in 2014. While interest rates remain low, investors will likely keep getting drawn back into stocks after any sell-off because holding cash isn't generating any returns, said Tim Courtney, chief investment officer at Exencial, an independent wealth management company.

"There is some bargain buying in some of the names that got hit hard in March and April," said Courtney. On Monday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.17 points, or 1 percent, to finish at an all-time high of 1,896.65. The index last closed at a record high on April 2, when it reached 1,890.90.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 112.13 points, or 0.7 percent, to end at 16,695.47 Monday. The Dow's previous record high was 16,583.34 on Friday.

The Nasdaq climbed 71.99

points, or 1.8 percent, to 4,143.86.

The Russell 2000 index rose 26.4 points, or 2.4 percent, to 1,133.65, its biggest gain since March 4. The index had slumped almost 10 percent from March 4 to May 9 as investors sold riskier stocks. The index still remains down 2.6 percent for the year after surging 37 percent in 2013.

Gains on Monday were led by technology and industrial companies, sectors that are expected to benefit most if the economy starts growing faster.

Facebook rose \$2.59, or 4.5 percent, to \$59.83, reducing the stock's decline since March 10 to 17 percent. Twitter, another stock that has been beaten down recently, rose \$1.89, or 5.9 percent, to \$33.94.

Stocks also got a boost from some merger news.

Pinnacle Foods surged \$4.02, or 13.2 percent, to \$34.47 after the company agreed to be acquired by Hillshire Brands. Pinnacle's brands include Duncan Hines and Aunt Jemima, while Hillshire makes Jimmy Dean and Sara Lee products. Hillshire fell \$1.19, or 3.2 percent, to \$35.76.

Even though stocks have largely moved sideways for most of the year following a surge in 2013, investors are still more concerned about missing the next leg of a rally than a market fall, said Doug Cote, chief market strategist, Voya Investment Management.

In government bond trading, prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.66 percent from 2.63 percent on Friday. Bond yields started falling at the start of the year as an unusually harsh winter put the brakes on the U.S. economy. They have continued to fall even as reports show the economy is strengthening again. "There are a number of mysteries out there in the market," said Gerry Paul, chief investment officer of U.S. value equities at AllianceBernstein. "To me, one of the biggest is why the 10-year Treasury is trading where it is." □



Trader Thomas Ferrigno, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market returned to record levels on Monday as investors regained their appetite for riskier stocks. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Nissan profit rises as sales outpace industry

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TOKYO (AP) — Nissan's quarterly profit edged up nearly 5 percent as sales grew around the world and a favorable exchange rate helped earnings.

Nissan Motor Co. reported Monday that January-March profit totaled 114.9 billion yen (\$1.1 billion), up from 109.7 billion yen the year before. Quarterly sales rose more than 20 percent to 3.2 trillion yen (\$31 billion).

Nissan said its sales growth was outpacing the industry. The Japanese automaker is expecting continued growth for the current fiscal year that began April 1, according to CEO Carlos Ghosn.

Yokohama-based Nissan forecast annual net profit of 405 billion yen (\$4 billion), up 4 percent from 389 billion yen (\$3.8 billion) in the last fiscal year.

Both its quarterly and annual profit results were better than Nissan's own forecasts and the projections by analysts surveyed by FactSet.

A weak yen has been a boon for Japanese exporters such as Nissan, which makes the March subcompact, Infiniti luxury models and the Leaf electric car, and is allied with Renault SA of France.

But the perk is not expected to continue. Although the dollar soared to about 100 yen during the past fiscal year from about 80 yen the fiscal year before that, it's unlikely to keep rising at that pace, to 120 yen, for instance.

And that's weighing on the prospects of all the Japanese automakers, including Nissan, Japan's No. 2 automaker, because profits are unlikely to keep growing at the current pace. Toyota Motor Corp.,



People walk past a wall set up in front of Nissan's showroom under renovation in Tokyo, Monday, May 12, 2014. Nissan's quarterly profit edged up nearly 5 percent as sales grew around the world and a favorable exchange rate helped earnings. Nissan Motor Co. reported Monday that January-March profit totaled 114.9 billion yen (\$1.1 billion), up from 109.7 billion yen the year before. (AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

the world's top automaker, chalked up a record annual profit and sales above 10 million vehicles for the first time, but is forecasting a slower year as the momentum from a weak yen fades. It's forecasting a 1.78 trillion yen (\$17.5 billion) profit for the fiscal year through March 2015, down from 1.82 trillion yen (\$17.9 billion) the previous year. Honda Motor Co., which sold 4.3 million vehicles for the fiscal year ended

March 2014, is forecasting a 4 percent rise in annual profit for the fiscal year through March 2015 to 595 billion yen (\$5.8 billion).

Nissan sold 5.2 million vehicles around the world in the fiscal year ended March, controlling about 6.2 percent of global auto market. It expects to sell 5.65 million vehicles during the fiscal year through March 2015, which would raise its global market share to 6.7 percent. □

BSkyB in talks to combine Fox Europe assets

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LONDON (AP) — BSkyB, the London-headquartered satellite broadcaster, confirmed Monday that it is in early talks with 21st Century Fox to buy its pay television assets in Italy and Germany.

A deal would create a pay-TV company with the power to sell services in three European territories. It would also allow Rupert Murdoch to consolidate his interests — 21st Century Fox currently owns 57 percent of Sky Deutschland, all of Sky Italia and 39 percent of BSkyB.

"Over the years we've had numerous internal discussions regarding the organizational and ownership structure of the European Sky-branded satellite platforms," Fox said in a statement. "From time to time these conversations have included BSkyB, however no agreement between the parties has ever been reached."

The talks come as BSkyB faces increasing competition from BT PLC, which has expanded its sports programming and is offering free Premier League football when customers sign up to its broadband package.

For more than two decades, since gaining the live rights to English Premier League football, BSkyB has been the dominant force in the sports rights arena. Soccer has been pivotal to its business model.

But in recent months it has faced stiffer competition from BT, the former telecommunications monopoly which has attempted to snatch sports rights to bolster its broadband business. Last year, BT won the exclusive rights to the Champions League, Europe's top club competition, over BSkyB and public broadcaster ITV, with a bid of 1.08 billion euros (\$1.48 billion).

BSkyB said the talks with Fox could result in "a world-class multinational pay TV group." □

Chrysler reports \$690 million first quarter loss

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DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Group saw big sales gains in the first quarter thanks to the new Jeep Cherokee and Ram pickup, but it lost money because of charges related to its merger with Italian automaker Fiat SpA.

Chrysler posted a loss of \$690 million for the January-March period. Without one-time costs of \$1.2 billion, the company's net income more than doubled to \$486 million.

In January, Fiat paid \$3.65 billion to a union-run health

care trust to acquire Chrysler's remaining shares. The two companies are in the process of combining to form Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, which will be based in London but maintain significant operations in both Turin, Italy, and Auburn Hills, Michigan. Chrysler Chief Financial Officer Richard Palmer said Monday that the combined company expects to list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange in the fourth quarter of this year.

As part of the merger, Chrysler agreed to pay \$700 million to upgrade its

factories. The company took a \$672 million charge in the first quarter to meet those commitments.

It also booked a \$540 million non-cash loss for refinancing a 2009 note issued to the union-run trust, which pays for retirees' health care. Palmer said Chrysler expects to save \$200 million per year before taxes thanks to lower interest rates.

Chrysler said profits were also hit by the weakening Canadian dollar, increased advertising spending and \$100 million in recall costs. Under

pressure from the government, Chrysler agreed last year to recall 1.56 million older-model Jeep Liberty and Jeep Grand Cherokee SUVs because of a risk of fires if they're hit from the rear. The company is installing trailer hitches on any vehicles that don't have them.

Chrysler's worldwide vehicle sales jumped 10 percent to 621,000.

In the U.S., where Chrysler sells 75 percent of its cars and trucks, sales rose 11 percent, far outpacing the 1 percent average gain for the industry. □

Hillshire looks beyond meat with Birds Eye, Vlasic

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillshire Brands is pushing further outside the deli case with a deal to buy the maker of Birds Eye frozen vegetables, Duncan Hines cake mixes and Hungry-Man frozen dinners.

The Chicago-based company, which makes Hillshire Farm lunch meats, Jimmy Dean sausages and Ball Park franks, said Monday that it would buy Pinnacle Foods in a deal valued at \$4.23 billion. The move extends Hillshire's reach into other sections of the supermarket as more Americans watch how much meat they're eating.

Among Pinnacle's other brands are Wish-Bone salad dressing, Celeste frozen pizzas and Vlasic pickles.

"Meats go with vegetables, sandwiches go with pickles," Hillshire CEO Sean Connolly said in explaining why the deal made sense during a conference call with analysts.

In a phone interview, Connolly noted that Americans are eating meat just as often, but less of it per meal. He said that actually benefits Hillshire because foods that incorporate different ingredients — such as its Jimmy Dean breakfast sandwiches — are more profitable than simpler items like lunchmeats or sausages.

"We've often said we like products that are more than just meat," Connolly said.

Hillshire, which has been

struggling with weak sales, also said last month that it was buying Van's Natural Foods, which makes gluten-free products including cereal, chips and snack bars.

Given its reduced reliance on meat, the new Hillshire is expected to have significantly higher profit mar-

On Tuesday, the frozen food industry even plans to launch its first TV ad defending the nutritional benefits of its products.

When asked whether Hillshire plans to hold onto all of Pinnacle's products, Connolly said it was "too early to tell," but noted Hillshire's record of focus-

some logic behind the combination of lunchmeat and pickles, along with waffles and syrup, the connections seem a bit thinner than what we hope for in most food transactions," he wrote.

Connolly declined to specify the scope of the layoffs expected as a result of the



This photo shows Jimmy Dean premium pork sausage on display at a store, in Chicago. Hillshire Brands is buying Pinnacle Foods, whose brands include Duncan Hines and Aunt Jemima, in a cash-and-stock deal valued at approximately \$4.23 billion, the companies announced Monday, May 12, 2014.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

gins. Rising prices for meat have hurt Hillshire's profit margins and led the company to increase prices in stores.

Still, some of Pinnacle's brands such as Hungry-Man are seen as having an outdated image at a time when many people are trying to move away from foods they feel are processed or unhealthy.

ing on its strongest brands. He added that Birds Eye, which has a more health-conscious image, was particularly attractive to Hillshire when evaluating the deal.

In a note to investors about the acquisition, J.P. Morgan analyst Ken Goldman declared the "strategic rationale unclear."

"Although we can see

acquisition. But he noted that the deal should generate \$140 million in annual savings from consolidated manufacturing and other overhead costs.

Each share of Parsippany, New Jersey-based Pinnacle Foods Inc. common stock will be exchanged for \$18 in cash and 0.5 shares of Hillshire Brands Co. common stock. □

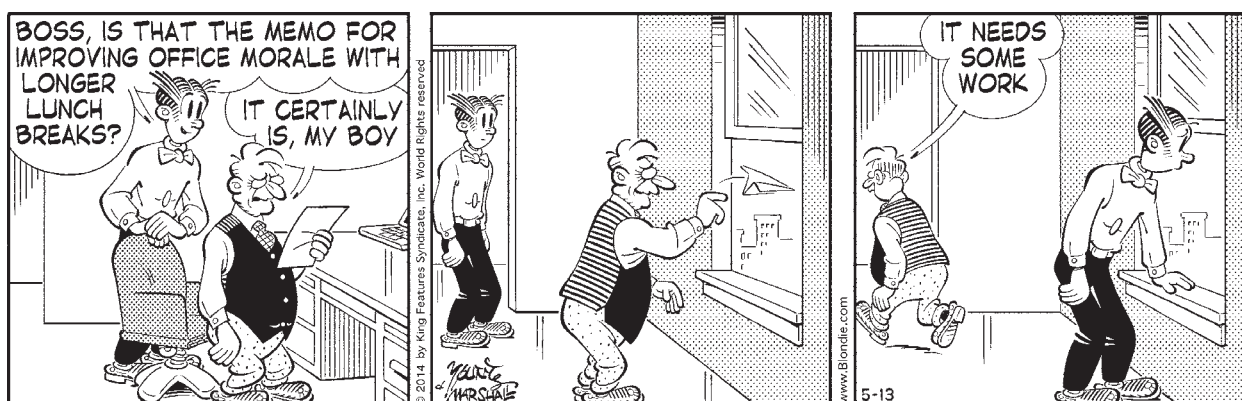
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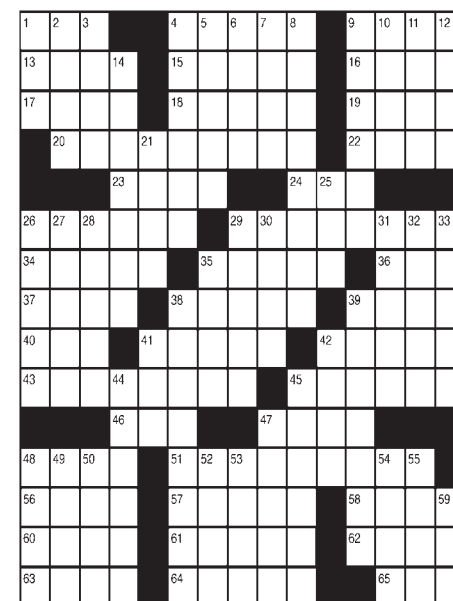
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 White ___; termite
 - 4 Guardian ___; heavenly protector
 - 9 Whip
 - 13 Singing pairs
 - 15 Jut out
 - 16 Resound
 - 17 Fail to include
 - 18 Punches
 - 19 Get rid of
 - 20 Guilt-free
 - 22 Acquires
 - 23 Male children
 - 24 Female sheep
 - 26 Outcome; result
 - 29 Pet birds
 - 34 Angers
 - 35 Concerns
 - 36 Tree secretion
 - 37 Buzzing insects
 - 38 Walked the floor
 - 39 Three biblical wise men
 - 40 Highest spade
 - 41 Greek letter
 - 42 ___ with; handled, as a situation
 - 43 Kathmandu residents
 - 45 Zodiac sign
 - 46 Soothing drink
 - 47 Regrets
 - 48 Ditch around a castle
 - 51 Dividing there
 - 56 Just sitting there
 - 57 In the air
 - 58 Observed
 - 60 Fling
 - 61 Gallant
 - 62 Tush
 - 63 Horse's gait
 - 64 Rough woolen coat fabric
 - 65 Attempt
- DOWN**
- 1 "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - 2 Like gums after Novocaine
 - 3 Work hard
 - 4 Not in class
 - 5 Makes void
 - 6 Adhesive
 - 7 ___ Benedict; fancy breakfast
 - 8 Diminished
 - 9 Account book
 - 10 Farmland unit
 - 11 Injection
 - 12 Moves like a kangaroo
 - 14 Hidden supplies
 - 21 Cow's remarks
 - 25 "Jeremiah ___ a bullfrog..."
 - 26 Of the city
 - 27 Portion
 - 28 Slumber
 - 29 Computer's memory
 - 30 Region
 - 31 Father of Jacob and Esau
 - 32 Bird of prey
 - 33 Barbecue rods
 - 35 Tams & berets
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GOAD	SKIES	SPRY
INN	FLIER	SHAVE
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ADD	HOODS	
SHAME	RISE	ADO
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| 39 Not as neat | 49 Smell |
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| 42 Count calories | 52 Snow-clearing machine |
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| 47 Long gun | 55 Equipment |
| 48 Barack's 2012 opponent | 59 Parched |

Air Travel Economics Make Midsize Hubs Unprofitable

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"We are committed to Cleveland," the chief executive of United Airlines, Jeff Smisek, told a group of business leaders there in 2010, shortly after United acquired Continental Airlines in a merger.

Along with his declaration of commitment, Smisek did sound a cautionary note when he also said that as the airline industry became ever-more hard-nosed about managing its route networks, "every hub needs to earn its value every day," he said.

Such sentiments ring especially true now, as domestic airline stocks rise and airline executives take credit for a restructuring of an industry that used to lunge for ever-greater market share, and lost billions - but now adheres to the code of "capacity discipline," or flying every plane as full as possible, and makes billions.

And so it is that by next month, United will have cut 60 percent of its departures from Cleveland Hopkins International airport over a three-month period. "We have made the difficult decision to reduce our flying from Cleveland," Smisek wrote in a letter to United's workers there in February. By June 1, Cleveland will have lost 70 of its average 170 daily departures from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

The situation at Cleveland Hopkins, a mid-sized hub that ranked No. 40 among domestic airports in total passenger departures in 2012, mirrors that at many other mid-sized airports across the country. Between 2007 and 2012, the 33 domestic airports classified as mid-sized hubs had 23.9 percent fewer departing passengers, on 26.2 percent fewer flights, according to separate reports by the Government Accountability Office and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Air Transportation. By contrast, the 29 airports classified as large hubs had a decline of only about 9 percent in both categories.

Part of the reason for this trend is that jet-fuel prices,

which quadrupled in five years before stabilizing in 2012, forced airlines and their regional-airline subcontractors to get rid of a large number of smaller 50-seat jets, which are not very fuel-efficient, but which are the backbone of air service at mid-sized airports, feeding traffic into bigger hubs.

But the main driver is strat-



Airlines are cutting flights to midsize hubs as they ask: Can a particular airplane and flight crew generate more profit if used elsewhere?

(Chi Birmingham/The New York Times)

egy, in an era of waning competition, underscored by "a shift from an airline capacity management that was focused on network expansion and market-share growth, to one focused on profitability," the MIT report says.

And beyond that, airlines have another reason for cutbacks at midsize and smaller airports. Smisek said that "our continued losses in Cleveland" were the main reason for the sharp reductions in flying there. But, he added, new federal safety regulations that impose higher training standards on entry-level pi-

lots "are reducing the pool of new pilots from which regional carriers themselves can hire."

The Regional Airline Association, which represents 31 carriers that operate 13,000 commercial flights a day, mostly as contractors for major carriers, is holding its annual convention in St. Louis this week. High on the agenda are discussions about what the group called "game-changing strategic adjustments" being made as the big carriers sharply reduce the routes being flown by the regionals, which are the backbone of air service at mid-sized and smaller airports.

The trade group is lobbying Congress to "fix pilot supply challenges" outlined in a recent report by the Government Accountability Office. That report addresses the newly issued federal regulations, drafted in response to pilot-training and pilot-fatigue concerns that arose after the 2009 Colgan Air crash that killed 50 near Buffalo, New York.

Among those new regulations is one that increases the pilot-qualification levels.

That requirement hits hard at regional airlines, where starting salaries in the low \$20,000 levels already had limited the numbers of prospective pilots.

The government report said that 11 of 12 regional airlines interviewed "reported difficulties filling entry-level first-officer vacancies." □

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NASA spots worrisome Antarctic ice sheet melt

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The huge West Antarctic ice sheet is starting a glacially slow collapse in an unstoppable way, two new studies show. Alarmed scientists say that means even more sea level rise than they figured.

The worrisome outcomes won't be seen soon. Scientists are talking hundreds of years, but over that time the melt that has started could eventually add 4 to 12 feet (1.2 to 3.6 meters) to current sea levels.

A NASA study looking at 40 years of ground, airplane and satellite data of what researchers call "the weak underbelly of West Antarctica" shows the melt is happening faster than scientists had predicted, crossing a critical threshold that has begun a domino-like process.

"It does seem to be happening quickly," said University of Washington glaciologist Ian Joughin, lead author of one study. "We really are witnessing the beginning stages."

It's likely because of man-made global warming and the ozone hole which have changed the Antarctic winds and warmed the water that eats away at the feet of the ice, researchers said at a NASA news conference Monday. "The system is in sort of a chain reaction that is unstoppable," said NASA gla-



This undated handout photo provided by NASA shows the Thwaites Glacier in West Antarctic.

Associated Press

ciologist Eric Rignot, chief author of the NASA study in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*. "Every process in this reaction is feeding the next one."

Curbing emissions from fossil fuels to slow climate change will probably not halt the melting but it could slow the speed of the problem, Rignot said. Rignot, who also is a scientist at the University of California Irvine, and other scientists said the "grounding line" which could be considered a dam that stops glacier retreat has essentially been breached. The

only thing that could stop the retreat in this low-altitude region is a mountain or hill and there is none. Another way to think of it is like wine flowing from a horizontal uncorked bottle, he said.

Rignot looked at six glaciers in the region with special concentration on the Thwaites glacier, about the size of New Mexico and Arizona combined. Thwaites is so connected to the other glaciers that it helps trigger loss elsewhere, said Joughin, whose study was released Monday by the journal *Science*. Joughin's study uses computer simulations and concludes "the early-stage collapse has begun." Rignot, who used data that showed a speed up of melt since the 1990s, said the word "collapse" may imply too fast a loss, it would be more the start of a slow-

motion collapse and "we can't stop it."

Several outside experts in Antarctica praised the work and said they too were worried.

"It's bad news. It's a game changer," said Ted Scambos, lead scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center, who wasn't part of either study. "We thought we had a while to wait and see. We've started down a process that we always said was the biggest worry and biggest risk from West Antarctica."

The Rignot study sees eventually 4 feet (1.2 meters) of sea level rise from the melt. But it could trigger neighboring ice sheet loss that could mean a total of 10 to 12 feet (3.6 meters) of sea level rise, the study in *Science* said, and Rignot agreed.

The recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel

on Climate Change don't include melt from West Antarctic or Greenland in their projections and this would mean far more sea level rise, said Sridhar Anandakrishnan, professor of geosciences at Pennsylvania State University. That means sea level rise by the year 2100 is likely to be about three feet, he said. Even while the West Antarctic ice sheet is melting, the much larger East Antarctic ice sheet seems stable because it is cooler, Scambos said.

Climate change studies show Antarctica is a complicated continent in how it reacts. For example, just last month Antarctic sea ice levels — not the ice on the continent — reached a record in how far they extended. That has little or no relation to the larger more crucial ice sheet, Scambos and other scientists say. □



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Loyal to zip-up Godzilla, Japan wary of U.S. remake

YURI KAGEYAMA
AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — The big-screen Godzilla that scared and thrilled viewers in 1954 was an actor in a rubber suit with a zipper up its back. And many Japanese fans still prefer that monster over a Hollywood version made in terrifying, full 3-D computer-graphics glory. "American Godzilla is just a giant iguana freaking out," says Mudai Nozaki, 30, who believes Godzilla is Japan's greatest contribution to cinematic history next to "Seven Samurai" and "Kagemusha" director Akira Kurosawa.

His reaction is surprisingly typical among Japanese who have seen the trailer of the film, titled simply "Godzilla," which premieres May 16 in the U.S. and in July in Japan. They wonder if the Warner Bros. remake will be a tribute or an embarrassment for Japan's monstrous legacy. Japanese Godzilla-lovers say their iconic hero falls into a special phantasmal category called "kaiju," which have more imaginary, far-fetched traits than what they see as more mundane monsters like King Kong or Frankenstein. And the Hollywood ver-



In this Monday, April 28, 2014 photo, a large size figure of Godzilla in a diorama is on display at Cheepa's gallery in Tokyo. Godzilla-lovers in this nation where the stomping all began say their iconic hero falls into a special phantasmal category called "kaiju," different from more mundane monsters like King Kong or Frankenstein.

sion is no kaiju, said Kazuya Haraguchi, who collects Godzilla goods, including a 100,000 yen (\$1,000) complete DVD collection from Toho Studios, which came with a huge fangs-baring Godzilla head.

The 45-year-old technician for reel films says Hollywood already botched it once with a 1998 remake, directed by Roland Emmerich. And almost everything about the new Godzilla is wrong again, from head to

toe — how its arms are limp at its sides, how the scales on its back are too regular, even the shape of its head. "The head is too small," said Haraguchi. "The voice is all wrong. It has to be much higher."

He shrugs off the creature in the new film as depicting what he pronounced as "Gadzilla," imitating an American accent — instead of "Gojira," (Go-jeeh-ruh), the way Japanese say it, a word that combines

"gorilla" and "kujira," or whale.

"I hope the day will come when a Japanese director can make a Godzilla movie again for the world," he said.

In the original story, Godzilla emerged from the Pacific Ocean, a mutation awakened by nuclear-weapons testing on the Bikini Atoll, underlining Japan's emotional trauma from the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

at the end of World War II. The story from Hollywood departs a bit from that script by having Godzilla stomping into San Francisco, instead of Tokyo, and confronting a flying monster that's not in the original. But the film stays true to the spirit of the original in many ways.

All director Gareth Edwards says he has done is produce an improved, more realistic Godzilla.

"In our film, for the first time, we will really see the actual animal again," he told The Associated Press.

"I think if you went around the world, and showed the silhouette of Godzilla, he'd probably be the most recognized character from movie history," he said.

"Yet, as an adult, it's hard to point at a film where that truly did him justice. Especially with the digital tools we have available today."

Edwards says he grew up watching Godzilla films and has great respect for their deeper meaning, such as raising questions about nuclear weapons. But for many Japanese, the updated, more technologically advanced version of their hero isn't quite right. □

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Mad Men's Ginsberg talks character's breakdown

ALICIA RANCILIO
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NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Ben Feldman says he showed up Monday at NBC's preview to advertisers to promote his new romantic comedy "A to Z," expecting to get hammered with questions about "Mad Men."

Spoiler Alert: On Sunday's episode, his advertising copy writer character Michael Ginsberg had a mental breakdown tipped off by the introduction of a computer to the office.

If it sounds crazy it's because it was. The character began trending on Twitter soon after. "(Mad Men's creator) Matt Weiner and I sat down a few weeks before that episode and he told me everything that was gonna happen and



Actor Ben Feldman attends the NBC Network 2014 Upfront presentation at the Javits Center on Monday, May 12, 2014, in New York.

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my jaw just dropped to the floor," the actor laughed. Ginsberg is last seen in the episode being wheeled out of Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce on a gurney.

Feldman says he can't say whether that's the end of his "Mad Men" run.

We will see Feldman on Thursdays this fall on "A to Z." □

'One Big Happy' cast credits Ellen DeGeneres for laughs



Actress Elisha Cuthbert attends the NBC Network 2014 Upfront presentation at the Javits Center on Monday, May 12, 2014, in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Ellen DeGeneres decided

to executive produce a new comedy for NBC, she clearly didn't take the job lightly.

In fact, the cast said Monday at NBC's presentation to advertisers that she warmed up the audience before the taping of the pilot.

"Ellen did, I'd say about 10 minutes of warming up the crowd," recalled actor Nick Zano.

"We hear Ellen doing standup and the crowd roaring and we're like, 'Damn ... I hope we're as funny as that,'" he joked. "She set the bar high and we just had to come close to matching." □

Pepsi releases visual album to celebrate soccer

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Pepsi is pairing singers and filmmakers to release a visual album that celebrates soccer during the World Cup. Spike Lee, Timbaland, Idris Elba and Kelly Rowland are some of the artists whose work is featured on the Pepsi-curated album, "Beats of the Beautiful Game," to be released June 10. The soda company announced Monday its album will be a collection of 11 anthem-like songs and short films.

"What I love about this is how creative it is," said Rowland, whose song "The Game" will have a video directed by Lee. "It's a project with a whole bunch of different artists being able to do different songs. I'm excited about being a part of something like this."

The Janelle Monae track, "Heroes," was the first single to debut in April. The album will be released through Capitol Music Group's independent label, Caroline. Each week, a new track and short film will be released from the album starting May 20.

Pepsi is looking to gain global attention in a battle with Coca-Cola, which is the main sponsor for the World Cup that kicks off June 12 in Brazil. The



In this July 31, 2013, file photo, filmmaker Spike Lee is interviewed on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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launch of the visual album is another attempt to build its brand with major figures without mentioning the event, which occurs every four years.

"To be honest, it'll be a great marketing tool for Pepsi," Lee said. "There's no reason I'd try to deny that."

Pepsi recently began a campaign that included soccer's top stars such as Argentine forward Lionel Messi, English midfielder Jack Wilshere, Spanish defender Sergio Ramos and Belgian defender Vincent Kompany.

The new album also fea-

tures rising British singer Rita Ora and Elba will direct a video for the song "Unstoppable" from the DJ-producer R3hab and singer Eva Simons, both Dutch-based acts.

The performers are not expected to appear in the short films, but Lee, — who is filming in Brazil — promises to include Rowland somehow.

"I love the idea, but I got to sneak a picture in there somewhere," the director said with a chuckle. "Somewhere she has to appear. She'll be lip syncing, but she'll be in there. I promise you." □

Dylan's obsessed fans comprise strange subculture

JERRY HARKAVY

Associated Press

A Bob Dylan obsession manifests itself in a variety of ways in "The Dylanologists: Adventures in the Land of Bob."

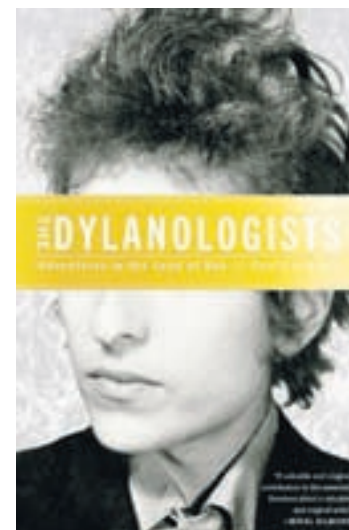
Dylan fans from around the world celebrate his May 24 birthday by converging on the northern Minnesota town of Hibbing, "the cap-

certs, scholars who look for hidden meaning in his songs and those who seek a personal connection with their hero by getting to the front of the house at concerts and trying to make eye contact with him.

Part of Dylan's mystique is his career-long refusal to communicate with fans about changes in his musical styles or the themes and lyrics of his songs. "What better way to build your following than to tell people to go away?" Kinney writes. "Dylan kept people off balance. He did the unexpected. He refused to explain himself."

His quest for privacy only fuels the efforts of the fascinating collection of Dylan fans who Kinney profiles with affection and gentle humor: Michelle Engert, who meticulously deciphered and transcribed the small red notebook containing barely legible phrases that would emerge as the lyrics of Dylan's much-acclaimed 1975 "Blood on the Tracks" album; Mitch Blank, a dedicated searcher for underground recordings of performances that might otherwise be lost forever; and Scott Warmuth, one of a cadre of Dylan scholars who search with academic rigor for lyrics that appear to have been borrowed from poetry, fiction or even Hollywood movies. The best known Dylanologist — he is credited with coining the term — was A.J. Weberman, who in the late 1960s and early '70s famously sifted through the garbage bins outside Dylan's Greenwich Village house in search of clues to a secret code allegedly hidden in the singer's lyrics. Weberman went on to comb through the trash of Jackie Onassis, Henry Kissinger and Dustin Hoffman, among others.

For some Dylan fans, nothing tops the prospect of scoring a concert spot at the foot of the stage. But winding up "on the rail" means arriving the night before the show, waiting in line without sleep and



This book cover image released by Simon and Schuster shows "The Dylanologists: Adventures in the Land of Bob," by David Kinney.

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ital of the Land of Bob." They may stop for a burger and a beer at Jimmy's, the Dylan-themed bar and restaurant in the town that Robert Zimmerman fled more than 50 years ago before he took on a new identity and became arguably the most influential and enduring entertainer of his time.

For the more obsessed, such a pilgrimage is not nearly enough. Seeking a material link to their idol, they acquire pieces of the original windows of Dylan's home after its most recent owners replaced them. "It's like the four thousand relics of the true cross," one fan said. Another Dylan devotee bought Dylan's highchair and the home in Duluth where his family lived when he was born.

These Dylan enthusiasts, or Dylanologists, as Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Kinney calls them in his very readable and entertaining book, include artifact collectors, fans who attempt to record his con-

Hotel decries video leak of Jay Z, Beyonce sister

NEW YORK (AP) — The Standard Hotel in New York City says it is investigating the leak of a security video that appears to show Beyonce's sister, Solange, attacking Jay Z.

Asked about the video on Monday by The Associated Press, the hotel issued a statement saying it is "shocked and disappointed that there was a clear breach of our security system."

TMZ posted the minute-long video Monday and said it was shot last week

inside a Standard Hotel elevator. It appears to show Solange attacking Jay Z in Beyonce's presence. A security guard intervenes. There is no audio.

The hotel says the leaked video violates the confidentiality it provides customers.

"We are investigating with the utmost urgency the circumstances surrounding the situation and, as is our customary practice, will discipline and prosecute the individuals involved to our fullest capacity."



This May 5, 2014 file photo shows Solange Knowles, sister of Beyonce Knowles, at The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating "Charles James: Beyond Fashion" in New York.

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Now That's Rich



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Institutional Investor's latest "rich list" in its Alpha magazine, its survey of the 25 highest-paid hedge fund managers, is out - and it turns out that these guys make a lot of money. Surprise! Yet before we dismiss the report as nothing new, let's think about what it means that these 25 men (yes, they're all men) made a combined \$21 billion in 2013. In particular, let's think about how their good fortune refutes several popular myths about income inequality in America.

First, modern inequality isn't about graduates. It's about oligarchs. Apologists for soaring inequality almost always try to disguise the gigantic incomes of the truly rich by hiding them in a crowd of the merely affluent. Instead of talking about the 1 percent or the 0.1 percent, they talk about the rising incomes of college graduates, or maybe the top 5 percent. The goal of this misdirection is to soften the picture, to make it seem as if we're talking about ordinary white-collar professionals who get ahead through education and hard work.

But many Americans are well-educated and work hard. For example, schoolteachers. Yet they don't get the big bucks. Last year, those 25 hedge fund managers made more than twice as much as all the kindergarten teachers in America combined. And, no, it wasn't always thus: The vast gulf that now exists between the upper-middle-class and the truly rich didn't emerge until the Reagan years.

Second, ignore the rhetoric about "job creators" and all that. Conservatives want you to believe that the big rewards in modern America go to innovators and entrepreneurs, people who build businesses and push technology forward. But that's not what those hedge fund managers do for a living; they're in the business of financial speculation, which John Maynard Keynes characterized as "anticipating what average opinion expects the average opinion to be." Or since they make much of their income from fees, they're actually in the business of convincing other people that they can anticipate average opinion about average opinion. Once upon a time, you might have been able to argue with a

straight face that all this wheeling and dealing was productive, that the financial elite was actually providing services to society commensurate with its rewards. But, at this point, the evidence suggests that hedge funds are a bad deal for everyone except their managers; they don't deliver high enough returns to justify those huge fees, and they're a major source of economic instability.

More broadly, we're still living in the shadow of a crisis brought on by a runaway financial industry. Total catastrophe was avoided by bailing out banks at taxpayer expense, but we're still nowhere close to making up for job losses in the millions and economic losses in the trillions. Given that history, do you really want to claim that America's top earners - who are mainly either financial managers or executives at big corporations - are economic heroes?

Finally, a close look at the rich list supports the thesis made famous by Thomas Piketty in his book "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" - namely, that we're on our way toward a society dominated by wealth, much of it inherited, rather than work.

At first sight, this may not be obvious. The members of the rich list are, after all, self-made men. But, by and large, they did their self-making a long time ago. As Bloomberg View's Matt Levine points out, these days a lot of top money managers' income comes not from investing other people's money but from returns on their own accumulated wealth - that is, the reason they make so much is the fact that they're already very rich.

And this is, if you think about it, an inevitable development. Over time, extreme inequality in income leads to extreme inequality of wealth; indeed, the wealth share of America's top 0.1 percent is back at Gilded Age levels. This, in turn, means that high incomes increasingly come from investment income, not salaries. And it's only a matter of time before inheritance becomes the biggest source of great wealth.

But why does all of this matter? Basically, it's about taxes.

America has a long tradition of imposing high taxes on big incomes and large fortunes, designed to limit the concentration of economic power as well as raising revenue. These days, however, suggestions that we revive that tradition face angry claims that taxing the rich is destructive because it discourages job creators from doing their thing, immoral because people have a right to keep what they earn. But such claims rest crucially on myths about who the rich really are and how they make their money. Next time you hear someone declaiming about how cruel it is to persecute the rich, think about the hedge fund guys, and ask yourself if it would really be a terrible thing if they paid more in taxes. □



Rape and the College Brand



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In last week's column, I wrote about the connection between college social life and socioeconomic stratification, and the way the party scene at many universities, oriented toward heavy drinking and hooking up, creates distinctive challenges for working-class students, whether they're attracted to its thrills or alienated by its excesses. What I didn't discuss was the ongoing ideological war over a more specific and toxic issue in college social life: the prevalence on campuses, often in alcohol-infused situations, of rape and sexual assault, and the question of what college administrations should be obliged to do about it.

The conflict pits an array of campus activists - students who have been raped or assaulted, supported by left-wing and feminist groups - against their own deans and administrators and disciplinary committees. The activists, lately with the support of the Obama White House, have leveraged Title IX's rules against sex discrimination to pressure colleges to expand counseling for victims, to cooperate more fully with police departments and - most important - to take a much harder disciplinary line against sexual misconduct.

The colleges, for various reasons, are disinclined to push back too hard publicly against their critics. So conservative and libertarian observers - a mostly female group, it should be said, including Reason's Cathy Young, Bloomberg View's Megan McArdle, the American Enterprise Institute's

Caroline Kitchens and others - have stepped into the breach. These writers have cast doubt on some of the statistics invoked by campus activists (particularly the White House's claim that 1 in 5 collegiate women will be sexually assaulted), questioned whether college disciplinary committees are really equipped to adjudicate guilt and innocence in such cases ("if a college wouldn't conduct a murder trial, it shouldn't be conducting rape trials," writes McArdle) and cited instances - which might be multiplied if the activists had their way - in which accused male rapists were denied a fair hearing and railroaded instead.

Such arguments add up to a plausible case against some of the activists' prescriptions. But they don't inspire much sympathy for the colleges' position in this controversy. The protesting students may be overzealous and unduly ideological, but when you're running an essentially corrupt institution, sometimes that's the kind of opposition you deserve.

Corruption is a strong word, but not, I think, unmerited. Over the last few generations, America's most prominent universities - both public and private - have pursued a strategy of corporate expansion, furious status competition, and moral and pedagogical retreat. But the moral retreat has in certain ways been disguised: Elite schools have abandoned any explicit role in policing the choices and shaping the character of their students, but they have masked that abdication in the nostrums of contemporary PC piety - promising diversity, tolerance, safe spaces, etc., with what can feel like a preacher's sincerity and self-righteousness. This has allowed them, notionally, to be many things to many people: Students are promised adult liberty and a community that will protect them if anything goes wrong; parents get a fuzzy rather than a corporate vibe from deans, RAs and other

authority figures; admissions departments get to pitch a fun, even bacchanalian lifestyle while faculty-lounge liberals get to feel as if they're part of a worthy ideological project.

But the modern university's primary loyalty is not really to liberalism or political correctness or any kind of ideological design: It's to the school's brand, status and bottom line. And when something goes badly wrong, or predators run loose - as tends to happen in a world where teens and early-20-somethings are barely supervised and held to no standard higher than consent - the mask of kindness and community slips, and the face revealed beneath is often bloodless, corporate and intent on self-protection.

I glimpsed this face, and saw it reflected in my friends' eyes, at various moments of crisis during my own four years in higher education; I doubt that anything has changed for the better in the 12 years since. This seems to be what the anti-rape activists - victims, friends, sympathizers - are reacting against so strongly: the realization that an institution that seemed to make one set of promises had other priorities all along.

That the activists' moral outrage is justified does not mean, again, that their prescriptions are correct. Their fatal conceit in many cases is the idea that by sweeping away misogyny they can resolve the internal contradictions of social liberalism, and usher in a world where everyone can be libertines together, and a hard-drinking, sexually permissive culture can be experienced identically by male and female, rich and middle class and poor.

This is a utopian, ahistorical vision, and its pursuit is fraught with peril: Like many revolutionaries, today's campus activists might well end up toppling a corrupt order only to install a kind of police state in its stead. But the regime they're rebelling against still deserves - richly - to eventually be overthrown. □

Upscale Burger Chain From New Zealand Aims at U.S.

JONATHAN HUTCHISON

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand

Inside the headquarters of BurgerFuel Worldwide is a spray-painted mural of a skull wearing a combat helmet emblazoned with the slogan "Born to Grill." Executives at BurgerFuel, a New Zealand fast-food chain, say the image - a takeoff on the film "Full Metal Jacket" - reflects the company's attitude. This year, BurgerFuel, a relatively small player, is undertaking an ambitious expansion

plan in the crowded American market through a partnership with Subway restaurants, an industry giant.

The partnership is unique, BurgerFuel's group chief executive, Josef Roberts, said, sitting in a boardroom in the company's office in the Auckland suburb of Grey Lynn. "I don't know of anyone else who's got this sort of opportunity to hitch their wagon to such a huge freight train." Subway, operated by Doctor's Associates, is the world's largest fast-food chain by number of stores, with revenue of \$12.05 billion in 2012, according to

the research firm Euromonitor International. BurgerFuel, by comparison, is small fry, with 12 million New Zealand dollars, or about \$10.3 million, in revenue in its 2013 annual report. In New Zealand, the company ranks just 11th in market share in the fast-food industry and fourth in hamburger fast-food chains, according to data supplied by Euromonitor International. BurgerFuel hopes to use Subway's scale in the United States by signing up some of

lion New Zealand dollars, with the option to expand its holdings to 50 percent over the next eight years. Franchise Brands' managing director, Lisa M. Oak, declined to comment directly, saying by email that the company was "excited to be an investor."

BurgerFuel began selling burgers in 1995 with a single restaurant in the Auckland suburb of Ponsonby. Since then, it has expanded to 57 outlets in New Zealand and overseas.

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doing the same in the United States, he said attracting ethical and health-conscious consumers was important.

"We don't upsize," Roberts said. "We're not about filling up a liter of Coca-Cola to go with the product; you know, I'd much prefer people to have a bottled water."

He added, "We're about not wanting to put out a regret meal; it's really about a meal that you can go in and you can feel good about."

now has many franchises in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The company signed its first Middle East licensing partner, in Dubai, in 2011.

"We went to the Middle East because there was wealth, there was an ambition and a market that was ambitious for higher-tier brands, and, yeah, there was a lot of youth," he said. "Our concept was simple: We'll go to Dubai. We'll set up an amazing store in a good location - and we kind of saw that as a permanent sort of trade exhibition center for BurgerFuel - and we'll see if we can attract interest globally from there."

The Middle East has been a standout. Sales were up 95 percent to 16.7 million New Zealand dollars in the region as the company added five stores there in the year that ended in March 2013. The only other outlet outside New Zealand is in Sydney, Australia.

The focus on the Middle East has also led to projects in unexpected areas. BurgerFuel has opened a store in Iraqi Kurdistan, and a spokesman for the company said the first of three stores in Egypt was scheduled to open this weekend. A store in Kuwait is also expected to open soon.

The United States presents its own challenges for BurgerFuel. The fast-food business is crowded, with 256,000 outlets and \$204 billion in sales, according to Euromonitor International figures from 2012, the most recent data available.

Elizabeth Friend, a senior research analyst at Euromonitor International, said there was still some room in the upscale hamburger industry, which BurgerFuel is aiming at. But she said the company would have to distinguish itself from brands like Five Guys, Epic Burger, Umami Burger, Shake Shack and In-N-Out Burger.

"The better burger segment in the U.S. is highly saturated in terms of concepts, but not necessarily in terms of actual outlets," Friend said. □



The Bio Fuel burger, which includes a free-range egg, beetroot and aioli, in Auckland, New Zealand, May 5, 2014. The relatively small BurgerFuel fast food chain hopes a partnership with Subway restaurants and an emphasis on quality and car culture can lure American diners in a competitive industry.

(Lottie Hedley/The New York Times)

combustion is a crucial part of BurgerFuel's image. The menu items have names like Bacon Backfire, Burnout and Low Carbomotor, and the company has a fleet of muscle cars painted with its logo and color scheme.

The burgers are marketed as having high-quality ingredients, including fresh vegetables and aioli sauce, New Zealand beef from grass-fed cows and vegetarian options. Recently the company announced it would use only free-range chicken in its New Zealand restaurants. And although Roberts said he could not commit to

Keith Syron, 52, said that was one of the reasons he took his 12-year-old son to have dinner on a recent night at the restaurant in Ponsonby. "It feels like you've had adult food instead of kiddie food," Syron said. He and his son agreed that it was worth paying more for BurgerFuel's burgers than for cheaper options that they said were of lower quality. In BurgerFuel's New Zealand stores, burgers are priced from about 6 to 13 New Zealand dollars, or about \$5.20 to \$11.25. Before eyeing the United States, BurgerFuel focused on the Middle East, and it

its franchisees to open BurgerFuel stores. The company has been taking registrations from interested Subway franchise owners. In January, BurgerFuel signed a partnership with Franchise Brands, based in Connecticut, a company set up by Subway founders Frederick A. DeLuca and Peter Buck to support small and midsize companies. Franchise Brands is aiming to support BurgerFuel's expansion efforts in the United States with business mentoring and legal advice. Franchise Brands has also bought a 10 percent stake in the New Zealand company for 8.05 mil-

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